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Army veteran Derric Winters  
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## Missing<sup>the</sup> WAR

**Veteran's transition  
to civilian life defined  
less by togetherness  
than by isolation**

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## Congress to investigate Phoenix VA over 'secret' waiting lists

BY JON HARPER  
*Stars and Stripes*

WASHINGTON — Shocking claims about secret waiting lists and the deaths of 40 veterans allegedly resulting from delays in treatment at the Phoenix Veterans Affairs Health Care System have prompted lawmakers to call for hearings on the scandal.

In an interview with CNN, Dr. Sam Foote, who worked with the Phoenix VA for 24 years, claimed that PVAHCS maintained two waiting lists for patients, one of which was secret and was used to cover up the long wait times veterans experienced.

"The only record that you have ever been there requesting care was on that secret list," he said.

"And they wouldn't take you off that secret list [and put you on the official one] until you had an appointment time that was less than 14 days so it would give the appearance that they were improving greatly the waiting times, when in fact they were not," Foote told CNN.

"So then when they did that, they would report to Washing-

ton, 'Oh yeah. We're makin' our appointments within — within 10 days, within the 14-day frame,' when in reality it had been six, nine, in some cases 21 months," he said.

The VA Office of Inspector General has launched an investigation.

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"The adults actually got into fights over that decision and trying to boil down the priority of who should be inside a facility during a storm: a pet or a person. It's a constant fight."

— David Grizzle, emergency management coordinator for Norman, Okla., talking about reaction to the town's decision to shutter its storm shelters

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## MILITARY

# Military suicide rate drops in '13

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Suicides across the military dropped by more than 15 percent last year, but new detailed data reveals an increase in the number of Army National Guard and Reserve soldiers who took their own lives.

The overall totals provided by the Army, Navy, Air Force and Marine Corps give some hope that prevention programs and increased efforts to identify troops at risk may be taking hold after several years of escalating suicides. The increase among Army National Guard and Reserve members raises questions about whether those programs are getting to the citizen soldiers who may not have the same access to support networks and help that their active-duty comrades receive.

Not only did the Army National Guard and Reserve suicides increase from 140 in 2012 to 152 last year, but the 2013 total exceeded the number of active-duty soldiers who took their own lives, according to the Army. There were 151 active-duty soldier suicides last year, compared with 185 in 2012, Army officials said.

### Pentagon data

- Almost 93 percent were male
- 74 percent were white
- Almost 40 percent were between 17-24
- 65 percent used a firearm; almost 76 percent of those used a gun that was not issued by the military
- 25 percent died of asphyxiation, including hanging
- More than 33 percent tested positive for alcohol use; about 24 percent tested positive for drugs
- 55 percent of unsuccessful suicide

The Pentagon released a report Friday that provided final data for 2012 suicides and some preliminary numbers for 2013. But those numbers differ a bit from the totals provided by the services because of complicated accounting changes in how the department counts suicides by reservists. Some of the Pentagon numbers were finalized a year ago, while the services have more recently updated totals that reflect the results of some death investigations.

According to the four military services, there were 289 suicides

attempts involved drugs.

- 42 percent had a history of some type of behavioral health diagnosis
- More than 28 percent had talked about harming themselves prior to the suicide
- 40 percent reported family or relationship stress in the 90 days prior to suicide; 32 percent reported financial or work stress
- 57 percent had been deployed
- 47 percent had been deployed to the Iraq or Afghanistan wars

From The Associated Press

among active-duty troops in 2013, down from 343 in 2012. The majority were in the Army, the nation's largest military service. The Navy saw a 25 percent decline, from 59 in 2012 to 44 in 2013. The Marines went from 48 to 45, while the Air Force went from 51 to 49.

Due to the accounting changes and other updates, the Pentagon numbers are generally a bit lower and reflect a larger decline in overall active-duty suicides of about 18 percent from 2012 to 2013. In some cases, the services are counting Guard and Reserve

members who have been called to active duty as part of the active-duty total, while the Pentagon did not. Both sets of numbers, however, show the same trends: fewer active-duty suicides across all four services and slightly more deaths among the Army National Guard and Reserve.

The Pentagon also released detailed demographic data on the 2012 suicides, showing that more often they involve young, white men using a non-military issued gun. They also had reported family or relationship stress.

Military leaders say it's too soon to declare success in the battle against suicides, but they say that some programs appear to be working.

"I think we've changed the cultural mindset — that it's OK for a sailor or a soldier or an airman or Marine to come forward and ask for help," said Rear Adm. Sean Buck, the Navy's officer in charge of suicide prevention and resiliency programs.

According to the Army data, more than half of the reservists who committed suicide in 2012 and 2013 had served in Iraq and Afghanistan.

## Phoenix: Senior VA staffers confirm accusations are true

### FROM FRONT PAGE

The allegations of gross mismanagement and concealment sparked fury among lawmakers and veterans groups.

On Thursday, Sen. Bernie Sanders, I-Vt., the chairman of the Senate Veterans' Affairs Committee, said he would hold a hearing on alleged patient neglect at PVAHCS after the IG completes its investigation.

"Congress must fulfill its responsibilities to get to the truth without delay. Our nation has a duty to provide the best quality of care to those who have served and sacrificed on our behalf, and we must hold accountable anyone who would break that solemn obligation," Arizona Republican Sens. John McCain and Jeff Flake, who requested hearings and investigations into the matter, said in response to Sanders' announcement.

The number of veterans cur-

rently on the secret list to see a primary care physician is somewhere between 1,400 and 1,600, according to Foote.

Other senior VA staffers confirmed that Foote's accusations were true, and internal emails obtained by the news organization suggested that top management at the VA hospital was aware of the scheme, according to CNN. At least 40 veterans died while waiting for appointments with PVAHCS, some of whom were on the secret waiting list, according to CNN.

"[We] welcome the results from the Office of Inspector General's review. We take these allegations seriously," PVAHCS said in a press release. "We acknowledge Phoenix VA Healthcare System has had longstanding issues with Veterans accessing care. ... Phoenix VA Healthcare System cares deeply for every veteran we are privileged to serve."

Veterans' groups blasted the VA after learning of the allegations and demanded accountability.

American Legion National Commander Daniel M. Dellinger said the creation of the secret list in Phoenix would constitute "one of the most abhorrent acts ever committed in VA history."

"If this is all true, it is a new low in a string of breakdowns at VA medical centers — Columbia, S.C.; Augusta, Ga.; Jackson, Miss.; the list goes on — that have caused the needless deaths of individuals who served this country with honor," Dellinger said. "We're going to find out what happened in Phoenix. ... We are going to find out who was responsible for this secret list and if they are still working for VA. These preventable deaths keep mounting, and yet we see not a single VA manager being held accountable. ... It is not sufficient for VA to simply say it's going to try to do better next time without holding people accountable."

"When you deal with lives, there should be no leniency granted to anyone with any knowledge of this alleged cover-up, to include everyone in Phoenix who knew but didn't tell, and those in oversight positions at the VA network and VA headquarters in Washington who knew but didn't care," William Thien, the national commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, said in a press release.

"Regarding VA leadership in Phoenix, there is zero trust in their ability to lead, much less to properly care for America's heroes," he said. "If the allegations of veterans dying as a result of this internal process are true, then the individuals responsible should be prosecuted criminally to the fullest extent of the law. The Secretary of Veterans Affairs needs to fire them all, then let the lawyers sort it out."

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# Cure suffers first violent fatality

# Report: Poor planning led to diplomat's death

# Killings highlight risks to foreigners

Five to 10 seconds after that initial blast, a man driving a blue Toyota — who the report states had been shooved away from the gate when the group was leaving the base — drove within the formation of soldiers and civilians and blew up his car, gravely injuring Smedinghoff, the interpreter and the three soldiers, among others.



# MISSING THE WAR

Army veteran Derric Winters shoots a rifle outside Rock Springs, Wyo.

MATT MCCLAIN  
The Washington Post

## TRANSITIONING FROM CAMARADERIE TO ISOLATION



Once back home, Army veteran finds himself longing for purpose, brotherhood of war

By ELI SASLOW  
The Washington Post

**T**he only light in the vast Wyoming darkness came from the lit end of another 5:30 a.m. cigarette as Derric Winters waited alone for sunrise on the porch of his trailer. He never slept well, not anymore, so he smoked and stared across the three miles of barren landscape that separated him from town. He checked his voice mail, but there were no messages. He logged on to Facebook, but no one was awake to chat. The only company now was the hum of the interstate behind his trailer, people on their way from one place to the next. He walked out to his truck and joined them.

His shirt read "ARMY," his hat read "10th Mountain Division," and his license plate read "Disabled Veteran." Five bullets rattled on his dashboard as he swerved around another car with his right fist pressed against the horn. "Come on," he said. "Go. Just go!" It had been five years since he returned from 16 months at war, and some days he still acted like he was back in Afghanistan. Many days, he wished that he were.

"The lonely process of overcoming combat" was what one doctor called it as he prescribed Winters the latest in a series of anti-anxiety medications. But what the doctor didn't seem to understand was that this was the place Winters was failing to overcome — the America where he felt discouraged and detached, and where his transition seemed like a permanent state. "What the hell am I supposed to do next?" he had asked his commanding officer when he was medically discharged from the Army, which

had provided his income, his sense of purpose, his self-esteem and 15 of his closest friends in a platoon they called "The Brotherhood."

He had tried to replace the war by working construction, roughnecking in the oil fields and enrolling in community college. He had tried divorce and remarriage; alcohol and drugs; biker gangs and street racing; therapy appointments and trips to a shooting range for what he called "recoil therapy." He had tried driving two hours to the hospital in Laramie, proclaiming himself in need of help and checking himself in.

On this day, he was on his way to try what he considered the most unlikely solution yet: a 9-to-5 office job as a case worker helping troubled veterans — even though he hated office work and had so far failed to help himself.

He had first contacted the nonprofit organization a few months earlier to ask for assistance with paying two months' rent on his

trailer, which the director had done. But she also had said that what he really needed was a new community, a renewed sense of purpose, so she had offered him a job and he had accepted, on the condition that he didn't need to wear a tie. Now he was the only man and the only veteran on a staff of eight civilians with a trained sensitivity to veterans' issues. They gave him a desk with a view of the entrance to better accommodate his post-traumatic stress disorder. They held meetings when he needed to be "triaged." They offered time off for his panic attacks and greeted him each morning with equal parts caution and motherly concern. "How are you doing today?" asked the nonprofit director. "Fine," he said as he walked through the main lobby. "How do you feel?" asked the outreach coordinator. "Fine," he said.

He set down his Dr Pepper and

his bottle of Gabapentin anxiety pills and began sorting through the paperwork on his desk. His job required a combination of case management, IT work and data entry, but already he had completed a self-evaluation noting weaknesses in "multitasking and a low patience for B.S." A boss asked him to locate an obscure provision on page 84 of the staff manual, and he finally found it, a half-hour

later, on page 86. He printed a copy of the manual to double-check his work, and a colleague gently scolded him for not printing double-sided. "This is a serious waste issue for us," she said. "A serious waste issue," he repeated, reminding himself not to roll his eyes as he washed down the morning's first Gabapentin with his third Dr Pepper and pulled his fourth cigarette from the pack. He returned to his desk, put on headphones and began searching an online job board for the next solution to try. Maybe he could fix diesel engines.

Maybe he could work security

or start his own firing range.

He entered a search term for the one job he really wanted, and the one job his discharge papers said he would never be healthy enough to have again: "Trained Army Soldier," he typed, and the resulting barrage of military regalia made him enter more searches for all the things he missed about his time in Afghanistan. There were pictures of the fort in the Korengal Valley he helped build in 2007, giving the United States its first permanent presence in a remote area controlled by the Taliban. There was the 22-pound machine gun he had hauled up and over the mountains each night, cursing its weight even though it had sustained him through dozens of firefights.

The nonprofit director came by with another stack of paperwork for him to review. It was a data estimate of at-risk veterans living across Wyoming, a tally of people who had failed to transition from war: 787 in Cheyenne, 456 in Laramie, 107 in Green River, 194 in Rock Springs. "See, I printed it double-sided," the director teased. As she walked away, Winters tugged the hood of his sweatshirt over his head and began typing a message to another soldier from his platoon.

"Welcome back to the life of petty nonsense," he wrote.

"Another day from killer to civilian," he continued.

"Ugh. I miss it."

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# MISSING THE WAR

## Missing: After homecoming, soldier wonders what's next

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### 'Brothers till we die'

What Winters missed about Afghanistan were not the mortars that dropped down each night from the summit of Abas Ghar mountain, or the IEDs that ripped through Humvees and sometimes legs, or the 65 pounds of gear his body armor he humped everywhere in 110-degree heat, or the fleas and tarantulas that shared the dusty shack they called an outpost, or the politics of a war he had mostly signed up to fight in the first place because he was laid off from an oil rig in a down economy with a baby on the way.

What he missed — the only thing, really — were the soldiers: Dodd, Vance, Pinchock, Craighead and all the others, the men he fought for and fought with. Eighty or so men in total. That was his war. The incentives and consequences; the love and loss. They were all of it, right there.

Now one was looking for work in Wisconsin, one had killed himself, and several had returned to Afghanistan to get back into the fight. Most of them wanted to be back there, in their own ways. Like so many vets, they missed the camaraderie. And as with so many vets, their lives at home were defined less by togetherness than by isolation, which took on many forms. Dodd was in Kansas City making aerospace bolts and smoking weed on his breaks to stave off the stress of "dumb-ass civilian questions." Simpson was working the phones at a call center for the Department of Veterans Affairs, talking to vets who wanted counseling or benefits or sometimes nothing at all, other than to talk with another combat veteran.

And Winters was living with a new wife in a new town, Rock Springs, population 23,000 strangers, only because a relative had offered a good deal on a used trailer and there was no place better to go. He had grown up on the other side of the state. His nearest friend lived two counties east, his closest fellow soldier was 300 miles away in Denver. Only a few relatives had visited their trailer and only then on Thanksgiving. It was at the edge of a small trailer park in the desolate expanse of southwestern Wyoming, where the wind whipped down from the mountains, carried over the high desert, and invaded the trailer despite



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**Army veteran Derric Winters, left, meets with Kim Wagstaff, center, and Cathie Hughes, right, at the Supportive Services for Veteran Families office in Green River, Wyo.**

the towels they stuffed under the doors. People had always come to Rock Springs to start over and to search for something: gold, coal, oil or natural gas. It was a boom-and-bust town, a place of reinvention, and now Winters had come searching, too.

Maybe he would find it at an oil rig, where he signed up for a three-week hitch hoping for camaraderie, a shared purpose and some practical jokes. But this time, the joke turned out to be his PTSD, and co-workers banged pipes at night to startle him.

Maybe at the community college, where he enrolled and then dropped out a few weeks later after a professor who had never cleaned blood off a Humvee interrupted him during a discussion about war to correct his grammar.

Maybe at a motorcycle memorial club, where the membership code promised "honor, brotherhood and tributes to fallen riders" but where membership itself consisted of \$1,000 bar tabs with people who had done nothing much worth honoring.

So instead, Winters spent most of his time inside the trailer, either with his wife or alone, lifeless in front of the television. Cartoons before work. Hunting shows in the afternoon. Network comedy in the evening. And then back online at night, when he could log on to Facebook and connect again with

the men from his platoon. Even though he hadn't seen any of them for two years, their presence on his computer screen offered the closest thing he had to a community.

"I miss you and my brothers something fierce," he wrote to Dodd one night. "Reach down and grab some dirt," Dodd wrote. "Crumble it in your hands. You're home safe. Nothing can get you now, bud. It's normal to feel that way."

"Damn, I know man," Winters typed. "I just can't feel like I did with my brothers. I can't find anything to replace it and I have a huge hole there."

"No you don't. Hole has the same people as it did before, you just don't get to talk to them as often."

"I know. I just need to visit everyone to get some closure. Thanks for letting me vent."

"Closure my ass," Dodd wrote. "You're stuck with this friend."

"Brothers till we die," Winters typed before signing off and switching to another chat with another soldier. "What's up, brother?" he wrote, and then, because he was thinking about the war, he watched a video of the night when three vehicles in his platoon had come under siege on a cliff-side road in Afghanistan. He turned up the volume until the sounds of war filled his empty trailer: the explosion of an IED, the rattle

of machine gun fire, the crack of rocks against the cliff and the steady beat, beat, beat of his heart in his ears.

The sound of a car pulling up to the trailer brought him back. His wife walked in the door.

### 'What I worry about'

"How are you feeling?" she asked.

"OK," he said.

"How's your stress level?"

"Fine," he said.

She sat on the couch, and he stayed in the recliner. She played solitaire, and he went back to Facebook. This had been the rhythm of so many of their nights since they met at a house party two years earlier, an instant attraction that continued to surprise them both. She had been only 19 then, beautiful, smart and sometimes a bit naive, an aspiring elementary school teacher from a religious family in small-town Wyoming. He was more than a decade older, divorced and drinking too much, but she also thought he was the sweetest listener she had ever met.

It took a few months before she started to wonder if there was a reason he was content to do so much listening. "Tell me about Afghanistan," she asked sometimes, but mostly he refused. "War is not something you want to know

about," he said, and she could only assume he was right, based on the volatility of this man the war had returned home. A neighbor littered in his yard, and he retaliated by dumping garbage on her porch. Another neighbor fed his dog, believing it was malnourished, and he told her that the next time she trespassed, he would call the police. He shattered a laptop against a wall during a fight with his ex-wife. He left the imprint of his fist on the freezer door. "Tell me what's going on," his wife implored, but he never did. So she started sending him faithful text messages three times each day to remind him to take his medication, and she waited out his fits of rage by making herself small and quiet on the couch, not afraid for herself but increasingly worried for him.

On the drive home from their wedding, she had tapped the brakes to let an animal cross the highway in front of their car. "Look, a coyote!" she had said, admiring it, and he asked her to slow down. He reached for his gun, rolled down his passenger-side window and fired a single shot. The coyote dropped dead in a ditch. He told her to keep driving, and she did, not sure whether to cry or scream or laugh. Sometimes that was what it was like being married to him: her own version of his war, an unpredictable rush of love, fear and excitement.

One of these times, you'll go over the edge and not be able to come back," she had told him once.

"That's what I worry about," he said. "That I'll just uncork and go ballistic on one of these people."

"Wouldn't it help to slow down? To talk it through first?"

"Not really," he said.

She thought she knew a few things about the nature of war. She had written a poem about it during her freshman year of high school, titled, "Freedom Will Never Be Free," and now that poem hung on their fridge. "They left to do their part," it began. "Through thick and thin they fought with all their hearts, leaving behind their friends and loved ones."

Here was one part of his war she didn't know very much about: Sometimes, his platoon relieved tension in Afghanistan by shooting stray dogs. The first dog he shot had been asking for it, growling and getting in his way while he changed a tire. Then, after a few months of near-constant combat, they started to shoot strays that happened to wander into their outpost, and later sought them out through the scope of a sniper rifle, and later shot one with a heavy machine gun. These were just dirty, diseased dogs in a war where machine guns were used for much worse. It hadn't bothered him then. It didn't bother him now.

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# MISSING THE WAR

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But how could he explain that in a way that made sense here, in the trailer, with the laugh track of another network comedy show blaring on TV? He closed his Facebook page. She finished her solitaire. They brushed their teeth and went to sleep in a room where the ashes of their last dog were enshrined in an urn. The dog had died of internal bleeding despite a mortgage payment's worth of emergency procedures at the vet. His wife had drawn a portrait of the dog nibbling a shoe, and it hung above their bed.

### 'Hell of a day'

Up again at 5:30 a.m., back to the interstate and back to work, where on this day he was scheduled to meet with a Vietnam veteran named Jim, who was about to become homeless. "I'm desperate for some help," Jim said, handing Winters a foreclosure notice and a set of military discharge papers from 1971.

This had been the reason Winters accepted the job: to give veterans the support and respect he wished others had given him and to experience a little of the camaraderie he missed. During his first few weeks of work, he had asked clients about their wars and the death of their loved ones, and he had enjoyed that. But soon his caseload rose from five men to 10, and then from 10 to 15, each veteran a little more damaged than the last. No matter how often he reminded himself to be patient, he began to resent their inability to take the next step they couldn't ask his own bills. The homeless guy reeking of beer. The elderly man with PTSD who wanted to sit on Winters's side of the desk.

Each client was another possibility of himself in 40 years, his war ongoing, his problems metastasized. "Pull yourself together!" Winters sometimes wanted to say to them, until finally, during one particularly long day at work, he keeled over and couldn't catch his breath. Maybe a stroke, he thought. Maybe a punctured lung. He drove to the hospital, where the doctor diagnosed the first of his panic attacks, and since then he had limited his caseload to one or two clients each day, usually preceded by a cigarette and a Gable. "So you're overdue on all of these?" he asked Jim now as they stared at nine bills played across his desk, for electricity, cable, trash and doctors visits.

"I should have come for help earlier," Jim said, "to take it for a while, but I can't anymore."

"I get that," Winters said. "It's like I can't manage to function in society," Jim said.

"I was kind of hoping that part goes away," Winters said. He then asked Jim to fill out and started on his work. Jim owed \$220 to the phone company, and it was Winters's job to negotiate a better price and help pay the bill. "Hi, I'm calling on behalf of a Vietnam vet," he said to a phone company receptionist who transferred him to a manager who told him to call a different number. Winters dialed again and reached a debt collection company, where the woman on the other end of the line thanked Jim for his service and then asked for new copies of his paperwork. Winters tried to



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Derric Winters watches television with his wife, Yolanda Winters, at their home in Rock Springs, Wyo.

fax them, but his machine was broken. He asked a co-worker for help and sent the fax. "Did you get it?" he asked the woman at the collection company. "Get what?" she said. He squeezed the phone until his knuckles turned white. "Remember, I'm calling on behalf of a veteran," he said, explaining Jim's predicament again. The woman promised to look for the fax and call back within three days.

"Argh," Winters said, knocking his fist against the wall. He asked Jim to come back in a few days, after he had time to call the other bill collectors. He asked Jim's shoulder and walked him patiently to the door even as he felt his own anxiety rising and his breath getting short. He retreated to the place at work where he felt safest, a couch surrounded by bookshelves in his boss's office. He sank into a cushion. He put his hands on his knees and rocked back and forth. "Hell of a day," he said. "Hell of a day. Hell of a day."

His boss smiled at him from her desk and then looked back at her computer. This was their routine. Some days, he sat in her office for a minute; other days, he stayed for an hour. Sometimes they talked, and sometimes she said nothing. "Company if you want it, space when you need it," she had told him once, because she knew from experience how a war could continue inside a person, isolating and eroding him over time.

She had been married to a veteran once, a 6-foot-3 Vietnam tunnel rat whom everyone called "Big D," a man who came back from the war and continued on with his life, raising a daughter and working as an airplane mechanic. He was handsome and outgoing and so quiet about the war that many of his acquaintances never knew

he had fought in it, at least until he watched an eight-part miniseries about Vietnam that came on television in 2001. Suddenly, he was talking about the tunnels in his sleep, and waking up in a cold sweat, and requesting meds from the VA that never seemed to work, and drinking vodka, and more vodka, and finally stealing a camper so he could race away from the thoughts in his head. She had seen her husband a few weeks later at a rest area in Wyoming, confused and then irritated when she tried to approach him. She tracked his whereabouts over the next months with telephone records and credit card receipts, a trail that led first through the Midwest, then to Pensacola, Fla., and finally to an alley in Arizona, where he had drunk himself to death 40 years after coming home.

She had gotten lost herself for a few years after that, leaving a high-salary job as a systems consultant. She attended divinity school and then founded a nonprofit called the Southwest Wyoming Recovery Access Programs. She applied for a \$1.3 million grant from the federal government to help veterans and their families, and she had devoted 70-hour weeks to that cause ever since. "Support with no judgment" was how she described her philosophy, because some vets came to her for housing assistance and others came for warm clothes since they felt more comfortable sleeping on the streets. Some came once to ask for money. Others came every day for coffee and company in the lounge.

And one came to sit on the couch in her office, rocking back and forth with his head in his hands.

"You can just sit there, Derric," she told him, and so he did, trying to catch his breath.

### 'We could do this'

"I need air. I need space," he told his wife the next day, so they loaded their new dog into the truck and headed into the immense desolation of Wyoming. She drove while he reclined in the passenger seat. They exited the interstate and continued down a two-lane highway. Their truck climbed over a hill, and Winters rolled down his window, letting the cold air hit his face as he stared at a view of snow and sky that ran clear into Utah. He could see no other cars, no people or houses. Maybe the best way to manage a life of isolation was to choose it.

"So peaceful," he said once they had traveled 90 miles out of town. "Where are we going, exactly?" she asked.

"Who cares," he said.

"Further?" They drove for two more hours and stopped for lunch in Pine Dale, a town at the base of the Wind River Mountains, where the welcome sign read: "All the Civilization You Need." They sat at a booth in the back of a diner and read a tourism magazine listing "fun facts" about the area: a subarctic climate, no stoplights for 50 miles, 1,300 lakes and a population density of one person per square mile. "This place is, like, crazy empty," his wife said as Winters flipped to the real estate listings in the back of the magazine, where much of the county was up for sale. There were abandoned ranches, hunting lodges and mountain cabins accessible only by snowmobile. "Look at this one, babe," he said, pointing to an ad for a flat expanse of flood plain on the river. "Thirty-seven acres for next to nothing. We could do this."

"Maybe I could get a teaching job up here," she said, because seeing him hoped to make her want to be hopeful, too.

"This summer," he said. "We can move up the trailer," she said.

"No cellphones," he said. "No crowds. No people."

He offered to drive on the way home, and he shipped Dr Pepper and turned up classic rock on the radio. An ABBA song reminded him of a soldier he had served with in Afghanistan, and thinking of that soldier reminded him of one day in the war. "Want to hear a quick story?" he asked, and before she could answer, he had already begun. "It was another firefight," he said. "Nothing special, really, but this local national gets shot clear through the head. I mean, dead. Done. Two to the temple. Not a pretty situation. But some of us end up lying beside this guy, because we're breaking contact with the enemy, and one of the guys in my platoon who I guess wasn't paying attention starts lying on top of this dead guy and practically talking to him. He doesn't even know he's dead! So we tell him, like, 'Hey, the guy's dead,' and he kind of yelps and jumps back." Winters laughed at the memory, just as all the soldiers who had been there had laughed about it for the rest of their tour.

His wife remained quiet in the passenger seat, hugging her knees to her chest. He looked over at her. "We?"

"I guess it just doesn't seem that funny," she said finally.

"Yeah," he said. "OK. Guess not."

"Sorry," she said, but by then he had turned back to face the road, escaping again into his thoughts. A storm rolled over from Utah. Snow blew across the road as the truck descended from the mountains into the plains. A few years earlier, on a hunting trip not far from this spot, he had experienced one of his happiest moments since the war, firing a single shot and killing an elk. Something about watching that animal drop had stirred a feeling within him so powerful that instead of rushing to clean his kill, he had sat down beside it, running his hand against the elk's neck. He had been one of the better marksmen in his platoon — one of the better soldiers, too, honorable and hardworking, promoted from private to sergeant, but so much about life after the Army had rendered him clumsy. How long had it been since he felt so capable? So empowered? His eyes had filled as he had leaned down to the elk and whispered close to its ear. "Thank you," he had said.

But now there were no elk with in view, no life whatsoever. Even the trees on the ridgeline had rotted from within and faded from green to gray — a whole forest of cadaverous just waiting to caress fire. "God damn pine beetle," he said, pushing hard against the accelerator. "What a waste."

His wife reached for his hand, but he ignored her. "How are you doing?" she asked, and he didn't answer. He was Jim now, his foot on the gas, the truck picking up speed. The forest blurred. His mind went quiet. For one perfect moment he didn't feel angry or anxious or lost. There was just the road ahead, a straight line between one moment and the next, and he drove it alone.



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## MILITARY

# Former Marine is sentenced to die in sailor's slaying

By MATTHEW BARAKAT  
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ALEXANDRIA, Va. — A former Marine was sentenced to death Thursday for murdering a fellow servicemember in 2009, after a federal jury concluded he had been responsible for a series of violent, sexually motivated attacks on women and young girls during the past nine years.

The jury deliberated for less than four hours before sentencing Jorge Torrez, 25, of Zion, Ill., to death for the murder of Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Amanda Snell, a Las Vegas native, at Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall in Arlington, in a barracks where they lived a few doors apart from each other.

On the verdict form, the jury also unanimously concluded that Torrez also killed two young girls — Laura Hobbs, 8, and Krystal Tobias, 9 — in his hometown of Zion in 2005, when he was just 16.

After Torrez was found guilty earlier this month of Snell's murder, Torrez ordered his lawyers not to put on any defense nor to question the government's case during the trial's sentencing phase. On Thursday, during closing arguments in the morning and when the verdict was read in the afternoon, Torrez sat impassively in front of the jury in his green jail jumpsuit, forgoing the

civilian clothes he has worn all trial.

His lawyer, Robert Jenkins, left little doubt that Torrez preferred a death sentence to life in prison, though he would not directly confirm it.

"My client certainly had a goal, and I think in his mind, he achieved that goal, and I think he welcomed it," Jenkins said. "It wasn't as much a trial as it was an assisted suicide."

During Thursday's closing arguments, prosecutor James Trump emphasized to the jury that Snell's murder was far from his only crime. The Illinois girls' murders were especially brutal — jurors saw gruesome photos of Hobbs' body with stab wounds to the eyes that medical experts concluded occurred while she was still alive. Semen found on Hobbs was linked by DNA evidence to Torrez.

And in 2010, Torrez committed a series of stalking attacks on three women in Northern Virginia, including one who was raped, choked and left for dead. It was Torrez's arrest on those cases that helped investigators tie him to Snell's murder and the Illinois slayings. He already is serving a life sentence for the Arlington attacks.

Until his arrest in Virginia, Trump told jurors, Torrez believed he had literally gotten away with murder.



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**Jorge Torrez ordered his lawyers not to put up any defense during the penalty phase of his murder trial.**

But Torrez bragged about the killings to another inmate after his arrest in the Arlington attacks, and prosecutors played recordings of those confessions to the jury in which he laughed about the killings and showed no remorse.

Trump reminded jurors that Torrez bragged about being "an army of one" while preying on defenseless children.

"There's no room for doubt. Jorge Torrez deserves to die," Trump said.

Torrez is the first person since 2007 to be sentenced to death at the federal courthouse in Alexandria. Torrez will join 59 other prisoners on federal death row, according to the Death Penalty Information Center.

Torrez will be formally sentenced May 30. The judge, Liam O'Grady, does not have the option to change the death sentence, unless he finds some sort of legal error.

# Witness: Iraqi teens no threat before deaths

By GENE JOHNSON  
The Associated Press

JOINT BASE LEWIS-McCHORD, Wash. — The Army already looked into allegations that Sgt. 1st Class Michael Barbera killed two unarmed Iraqi boys in 2007. Commanders gave him a letter of reprimand.

But now, years later, military prosecutors are trying to convince an investigating officer that Barbera should face a court-martial after all.

Barbera, 31, was a staff sergeant when fellow soldiers say he shot and killed the teenage brothers in Diyala province. The case was the subject of a 2012 story in Pittsburgh newspaper, The Tribune-Review, which described how some of Barbera's comrades remained troubled that he was never prosecuted. It prompted calls from Congress for the Army to review the shooting.

The Army charged Barbera last fall with two counts of premeditated murder, which carry a mandatory life sentence. A preliminary hearing opened in his case Wednesday at Joint Base Lewis-McChord, south of Seattle, where Barbera was transferred from Alaska's Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson to face charges.

One soldier who said he witnessed the March 2007 shootings, former Spc. John Lotempio, testified that the boys appeared to be just 10 or 11 and posed no threat as they herded cattle in a palm grove where an eight-man U.S. Army reconnaissance team was hidden one day seven years ago.

But Barbera, the leader of the recon team, took a knee, leveled his rifle and killed them from nearly 200 yards away, Lotempio said.

"Oh, my God — why?" he said when a prosecutor asked him to describe his reaction. "They didn't see us."

The victims were later identified as Ahmad Khalid al-Timimi, 15, his brother Abbas, 14.

Barbera's attorney, David Coombs, called the allegations

baseless and highlighted the lingering questions about why it has taken so long to bring the case to court. Investigating officer, Lt. Col. Charles N. Floyd, is to recommend whether Barbera should face a court-martial.

Coombs alleged that the newspaper's "hit piece," which won an investigative reporting award, and congressional pressure had improperly influenced the Army's decision to file charges.

Barbera's fellow soldiers didn't begin to come forward to report concerns about the shooting until 2009, and a criminal investigation was conducted then. The matter was "somehow put to bed by administrative action," Capt. Ben Hillner, an Army prosecutor, said in his opening statement.

Hillner did not elaborate on that decision by commanders at Fort Bragg, N.C., where Barbera was held last year, but the investigating officer clarified that Barbera received a letter of reprimand.

Lotempio said he didn't report the killings at the time because "I don't think I knew the proper way to go about it. I didn't want to think about it." He has suffered from nightmares about the killings, he said, and he felt guilty because he was the one who first noticed the boys and woke up Barbera, who promptly shot them.

"If I didn't wake him up, they'd still be alive," he said.

He said "absolutely not" when asked if the boys posed a threat.

After Barbera killed the first boy with a single shot to the head, the second waved to them with one hand and yelled, "Hello, mister! Hello!" Lotempio said. Barbera fired a second shot that killed him.

Lotempio said the shootings contravened the rules of engagement for the mission, which was not to fight unless the enemy had the means, opportunity and intent to cause harm.

Coombs argued in his opening statement that even though the soldiers' rules of engagement required them to report violations, it was two years before any raised concerns.

## 2 sailors held after pellet shot on base

Stars and Stripes

SAN DIEGO — Two sailors are in custody after at least one shot an Airsoft pistol from a barracks window into a nearby parking structure Thursday morning, the Navy said.

Naval Base Point Loma issued a "shelter in place" order after a call to Navy police about 10 a.m., the Navy said in a news release. The initial report was of a suspicious person with a handgun.

Someone on the ground saw a sailor brandishing a weapon from the sixth floor of a barracks, Lt. Cmdr. Steve Ruh, a base spokesman, told The Associated Press.

Airsoft pistols shoot pellets,

but "when you're looking up six floors, they resemble the real thing," Ruh said.

The call triggered an investigation by base security forces, Naval Criminal Investigation Service, FBI SWAT and local police, which the Navy said is the standard response to a potential active shooter.

The sailor shooting the Airsoft pistol was aiming at a mirror on the wall of a parking structure near their barracks, according to the Navy.

NCIS agents and the sailors' command master chief called the sailors on a cellphone and gave them "explicit directions" on how to "safely exit their barracks

room," the Navy said.

Capt. Scott Adams, commanding officer of Naval Base Point Loma, said in a news conference Thursday that he didn't know the rank nor the history of the men, nor whether they exhibited warning signs. The sailors lived in the barracks that houses junior enlisted servicemen, he said.

Weapons are not allowed in Navy barracks.

Earlier this month, a soldier at Fort Hood in Texas opened fire on his fellow soldiers, wounding 16 people and killing three others before he turned the gun on himself.

Information from The Associated Press was used in this report.

## 'Blockbuster' bomb defused safely in Italy

By NANCY MONTGOMERY  
Stars and Stripes

VICENZA, Italy — A 4,000-pound British "Blockbuster" bomb that has rested in the ground for 70 years was disarmed successfully on Friday in Vicenza.

"The 'Old Lady' can stay in a very quiet way," said Italian Lt. Col. Mauro Altieri, referring to the bomb by the nickname the Italians gave it. "The bomb now is very calm."

The bomb, one of thousands the Allies dropped in the area near the U.S. Army base Del Din — in

November 1944 during World War II, was found in October and has been under guard ever since.

Disarming the bomb required the evacuation of the Army base and about 30,000 Vicenza residents.

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## NATION

# Oregon board to decide exchange's future

By GOSIA WOZNIAKA  
The Associated Press

DURHAM, Ore. — Oregon is set to make a final decision on whether to become the first state in the nation to drop its problem-plagued online health exchange and to link up with the federal website.

Cover Oregon's board was to decide Friday whether to approve an advisory committee's recommendation to ditch its troubled portal. Under that option, Oregon would use HealthCare.Gov

for private policies but continue using its current system for Medicaid enrollments.

A top Cover Oregon official said fixing the existing system would be too costly at \$78 million and would take too long. Switching to the federal system would cost just \$4 million to \$6 million.

Oregon's exchange is seen as the worst of the more than a dozen states that developed their own online health insurance marketplaces. The general public still can't use Cover Oregon's website to sign up for coverage in one

sitting.

Instead, Oregonians must use a time-consuming, hybrid paper-online process to sign up for insurance — despite \$134 million the state paid Oracle Corp. to build the online exchange. Oregon received a monthlong enrollment deadline extension because of the technology problems.

Several other states experienced major problems with their exchanges, but so far only one has chosen to replace its site. Maryland recently decided to adopt the technology used on Connecticut's

successful exchange.

Federal officials said the federal exchange is able to add more states, and they are working with Oregon on the next steps.

In March, the federal Government Accountability Office announced an investigation of Oregon's exchange, including looking at whether the federal government can reclaim grant money given to Cover Oregon if taxpayer funds were mismanaged.

Separately, former Health and Human Services Secretary Kath-

leen Sebelius asked for an inspector general's probe into problems with the rollout of the health care law.

An independent investigation ordered by Gov. John Kitzhaber found state managers repeatedly failed to heed reports about technical problems that prevented the Cover Oregon exchange from launching. It also found Oracle did a shoddy job in building the exchange. Five Oregon officials connected to the development of the Cover Oregon portal have resigned.

## NRA to mix politics, gun rights advocacy at convention in Ind.

By MICHAEL MUSKAL  
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Los Angeles Times

The National Rifle Association was preparing to kick off its annual convention Friday in Indianapolis, where it will mix politics with advocacy for Second Amendment issues, including one of its longtime goals: a national reciprocity law that would allow gun owners to carry licensed weapons across state lines.

Efforts to pass such a law have failed in the past. That it is on the agenda less than two years after the massacre at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Conn., is evidence of the NRA's resilience as well as its ability to bounce back from a low point.

The convention is expected to draw 70,000 people and to infuse an estimated \$55 million into the Indianapolis economy.

Calls for tougher gun control laws echoed across the nation after Adam Lanza walked into the Connecticut elementary school in December 2012 and opened fire, killing 20 children and six educators before killing himself. He also had killed his mother.

Some states, including New York, Maryland, Connecticut and Colorado, passed some restrictions, but the broad sweep of controls including a national ban on automatic weapons and increased background checks largely fell by the wayside.

Anything, the NRA seems politically stronger in this midterm election year, when Republicans tend to be more diligent about voting than Democrats. Republicans have a chance to wrest control of the Senate from the Democrats.

Among the convention's expected participants are national GOP hopefuls Louisiana Gov. Bobby Jindal, Florida Sen. Marco Rubio and former Pennsylvania Sen. Rick Santorum. Indiana Gov. Mike Pence, the host official, has backed gun rights in the past.

NRA officials will brief its members on the upcoming elections and talk about the orga-

nization's goals, spokeswoman Catherine Mortensen told reporters in Indianapolis.

"They'll be speaking about what legislation we support and what needs to be done to protect our Second Amendment rights," she said.

The organization is coming off a big win in Georgia, where Gov. Nathan Deal signed a wide-ranging gun measure Wednesday that critics call the "guns everywhere bill." The legislation permits Georgia residents with concealed-carry permits to take their guns into some bars, churches, school zones and even government buildings.

Hundreds of people filled more than 25 picnic tables to watch Deal sign the bill into law. Many were openly carrying handguns and

some wore NRA hats and buttons proclaiming, "Stop Gun Control" and "Guns Save Lives."

In the past, the NRA has sought to get a national "stop gun control" reciprocity bill, allowing guns that are licensed by one state to be legally carried across state lines. At present, the laws are a patchwork quilt, with about 40 states allowing some form of reciprocity.

In 2011, the GOP-controlled House of Representatives approved the National Right-to-Carry Reciprocity Act, intended to allow gun owners to travel more easily from state to state without worrying about whether their permits to carry concealed weapons are valid. The legislation had bipartisan support, passing 272-154, with 229 Republicans and 43 Democrats voting yes.

But because the Senate was not going to take up the measure, the House action was essentially a show vote for lawmakers seeking to curry favor with the NRA and other gun-rights advocates.



JOHN LOCHER, LAS VEGAS REVIEW-JOURNAL/AP

Rancher Cliven Bundy speaks Thursday at a news conference near Bunkerville, Nev.

## Nevada rancher in dispute defends remarks on race, loses supporters

By MICHELLE RINDELS  
The Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — A Nevada rancher who became a conservative folk hero for standing up to the government in a fight over grazing rights lost some of his staunch defenders after wondering aloud whether blacks might have had it better under slavery.

Republican politicians from around the country who have rallied to Cliven Bundy's defense in recent weeks denounced the comments and distanced themselves from the rancher, including potential 2016 presidential contender U.S. Sen. Rand Paul of Kentucky and U.S. Sen. Dean Heller of Nevada. Democrats were quick to pounce on the comments and label Bundy a racist.

Bundy has gone from a little-known rancher and melon farmer in rural Nevada to a national political star since he resisted the federal government's attempts to round up his cattle from federal land because he hadn't paid grazing fees for two decades. His supporters, especially those on the right, have praised him for stand-

ing up to what they believe is a heavy-handed federal government, and several armed militia members traveled to his ranch to back Bundy.

His comments were first published in *The New York Times* on Wednesday, but he did little to tamp down the controversy as he sought to address the public outrage on Thursday.

Bundy was quoted in a *Times* story referring to black people as "the Negro" and recalling a time decades ago when he drove past homes in North Las Vegas and saw black people who "didn't have nothing to do." He said he wondered if they were "better off as slaves" than "under government subsidy."

On Thursday during an outdoor news conference near his ranch 80 miles from Las Vegas, he echoed the same sentiment: "Are they slaves to charities and government-subsidized homes? And are they slaves when their daughters are having abortions and their sons are in the prisons? This thought goes back a long time."

A statement on the official

Bundy Ranch Facebook page Thursday said that Bundy was a "good man, he loves all people, he is not a racist man." Bundy explained that he wasn't saying anyone should be enslaved today.

Politicians who had defended Bundy quickly issued statements condemning the remarks.

"His remarks on race are offensive, and I wholeheartedly disagree with him," Paul said.

Heller, who last week called Bundy defenders "patriots" for their stand against the government, "completely disagree" with Mr. Bundy's appalling and racist statements, and condemns them in the most strenuous way," said his spokeswoman, Chandler Smith.

Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, a Democrat who last week called Bundy supporters "domestic terrorists," also spoke out against Bundy's words.

"Today, Bundy revealed himself to be a hateful racist," Reid said. "By denigrating people who work hard and play by the rules while he mooches off public land, he also revealed himself to be a hypocrite."



## NATION

## Tornado shelters face pet dilemma

By KRISTI EATON  
The Associated Press

OKLAHOMA CITY — Jerry Starr thought he was taking the safe approach when a twister was reported heading toward his suburban neighborhood outside Oklahoma City last May. He grabbed his teenage daughter Dyonna and his dog and drove to the local City Hall, which serves as a public storm shelter.

But when he arrived, a police officer told him that the only way they could come in was if Tobì, his Shih Tzu-Yorkie mix, stayed outside. No pets allowed. So Starr and Tobì rode out the storm in his car, one of the most dangerous places he could be.

"I love her, and there's no way I was going to live knowing I was abandoning her," said Starr, of Del City.

Modern forecasting technology now gives residents hours of notice of threatening conditions and precise projections of a storm's likely path. Residents are bombarded with broadcast warnings to take shelter.

But as the spring storm season arrives in Norman, emergency officials are still wrestling with a dilemma posed by man's best friends. Since many public shelters won't accept animals,



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Jerry Starr chose to ride out a storm in his car after he was told his pet Tobì could not enter a shelter.

people wind up dashing across town to rescue their pets or staying in unprotected houses rather than hunkering down in safety.

"Pets and sheltering is always a problem," said David Grizzle, emergency management coordinator for the college town of Norman, which closed its public shelters last fall because of problems with pets and overcrowding.

"Pets come in, and sometimes they're hard to control," he said, describing past scenes of dozens of frantic dogs along with snakes, chickens and even iguanas brought inside.

Access to shelters has gotten special attention in Oklahoma this year after 79 tornadoes strafed the state in 2013, the second highest total in the nation, killing 34 people and injuring hundreds. Most of the victims were in cars, houses or unreinforced buildings. A joint

state-federal program offered up to a \$2,000 rebate to help eligible homeowners install fortified "safe rooms" or above- or underground shelters.

While the number of in-home shelters is growing, most people in small towns and of modest incomes depend on sturdy public buildings like schools, hospitals and courthouses. And more than 60 percent of households have pets.

At city council and campus administration meetings this spring, officials reviewing local emergency plans are again debating the implications of turning animals away.

"People are so attached to their pets, I don't think it's even possible to ban them," said Byron Boshell, director of security at Oklahoma City's Integriss Baptist Medical Center, where people from sur-

rounding neighborhoods come when funnel clouds approach.

Southwestern Oklahoma State University, in Weatherford, used to allow pets into the campus buildings until several bad scenes involving dozens of barking, lunging dogs and other panicked animals.

The animals "were kind of terrified from the storm and also strange people," said Rick Bolar, chief of the campus police.

One of the final straws in the town of Norman's decision to close its shelters came when one family was asked to put its dogs outside to make room for another family that had arrived.

"The adults actually got into fights over that decision and trying to boil down the priority of who should be inside a facility during a storm: a pet or a person. It's a constant fight," Grizzle said.

## Sept. 11 museum film irks clergy

By KAREN MATTHEWS  
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — A film that will be shown at the National September 11 Memorial Museum when it opens next month unfairly links Islam and terrorism, clergy members said in letters demanding it be changed.

"The Rise of Al Qaeda," a brief documentary narrated by NBC anchor Brian Williams, shows the growth of international terrorist groups in the years leading up to the 2001 attacks. The film has not been publicly released, but museum officials have screened it for groups including an interfaith clergy advisory panel.

Members of the clergy group sent a letter to museum officials this week asking that the film be re-edited to make it clear that not all Muslims support the terrorists who destroyed the World Trade Center.

"We continue to posit that the video may very well leave viewers with the impression that all Muslims bear some collective guilt or responsibility for the actions of al-Qaida, or even misinterpret its content to justify bigotry or even violence toward Muslims or those perceived to be Muslim (e.g., Sikhs)," the clergy members wrote. The signers included Peter B. Gudaitis, chief executive of New York's Disaster Interfaith Services, and the Rev. Chloe Breyer, executive director of the Interfaith Center of New York.

Officials at the Sept. 11 museum, which opens May 21 at the trade center site, said the film doesn't suggest that all Muslims are terrorists.

"Our No. 1 standard is are we objectively telling the story of what happened? And we feel like we've satisfied that," the museum's executive director, Joe Daniels, said Thursday. He said museum officials "stand by the scholarship that underlies the creation of this video."

An imam, Sheikh Mostafa Elazabawy, of the Masjid Manhattan mosque, resigned from the museum's advisory panel last month to protest the film. He said in a separate letter to the museum's director that the film "in its present state would greatly offend our local Muslim believers as well as any foreign Muslim visitor to the museum."

The American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee called concerns expressed about the documentary "extremely worrisome."

## Where will calorie labels appear? Not just on menus

By MARY CLARE JALONICK  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Diners could soon see calorie counts on the menus of chain restaurants.

But will they be able to get that same clear information at grocery stores, convenience stores, movie theaters or airplanes?

The food industry is closely watching the Food and Drug Administration to see which establishments are included in the final menu labeling rules, which are expected this year.

The idea is that people may pass on that bacon double cheeseburger if they know it has 1,000 calories.

But nonrestaurant establishments have lobbied hard for exemption, and the rules have been delayed. FDA Commissioner Margaret Hamburg told Congress earlier this month that writing the rules has been "much more challenging than expected." The agency issued proposed rules in 2011 but has faced pressure to revise them to exclude retail outlets like grocery and convenience stores.

The FDA has sent the rules to the White House, meaning they could be released soon.

Places you may — or may not



EO OU/AP

The calories count of each food item displayed on a McDonald's drive-thru menu in New York.

— see calorie labels once the rules kick in are restaurants, supermarkets, convenience stores, movie theaters, airplanes, trains and vending machines.

The restaurant industry pushed for menu labeling and helped it become law as part of a health overhaul in 2010. Chain restaurants that operate all over the country wanted the federal standards because of an evolving patchwork of state and local laws that require calorie labeling and could have forced those outlets to follow different rules in different locations.

prepared food stations would make it difficult and costly to nail down accurate calorie counts and constantly update signs.

Both industries argue that the law is intended for restaurants and not for them. They say the labeling rules will be much easier to put in place at restaurants with fixed menus.

Meanwhile, movie theater chains lobbied to be exempt and appeared to win that fight when they were exempted in the 2011 proposed rules. But nutrition groups are lobbying to include them in the final rules, especially because movie treats can be so unhealthy.

Passengers will most likely be able to purchase food calorie-blind in the air and on the rails. Along with movie theaters, airlines and trains were exempted from the proposed labeling rules in 2011. The FDA said that it would likely exempt food served in places where the "primary business activity is not the sale of food" and that don't "present themselves publicly as a restaurant."

Vending machines will be required to have labels, but the industry is asking for flexibility in how they are required to post them.

The supermarket and convenience store industries were perhaps the most unhappy with the rules that the FDA proposed in 2011. The agency proposed requiring those stores to label calories for prepared foods on menu boards and displays.

The supermarket industry estimates it could cost them a billion dollars to put the rules in place — costs that would be passed on to consumers. Along with convenience stores, the supermarkets say the ever-changing selection at salad bars, deli counters and other

## UKRAINE UNREST

# USAF team checks air base in Estonia for NATO mission

By SLOBODAN LEKIC  
Stars and Stripes

A U.S. Air Force team has conducted a technical inspection of a military airfield in Estonia that likely will be used as a new basing alternative for NATO's Baltic Air Policing mission.

Airmen from the 48th Air Expeditionary Group RAF Lakenheath recently visited Amari Air Base in Estonia to certify the base's aircraft-arresting system, seen as a critical step toward validating the airfield as a new NATO forward operating base, a news release on Friday said.

NATO's Baltic Air Policing mission was set up a decade ago to patrol the skies over Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania, which don't have fighter aircraft of their own. NATO countries take turns sending contingents of about four warplanes to respond to any airspace violations. Currently, the mission consists of four USAF F-15s, which were beefed up by an additional six fighters after the outbreak of the crisis in Ukraine.

Polish air force MiG-29s are scheduled to take over from the F-15s next month. Because of the continuing crisis, they will be backed up by British Typhoons and Danish F-16s.

Since 2004, the NATO mission has operated from the Lithuanian air base at Siauliai. But more recently, Estonia has offered Amari as a second base for the air policing element.

The arresting system on an airfield is similar to the one on an aircraft carrier. An aircraft that has brake problems or other trou-

ble stopping lowers its tail hooks to catch a cable strung across the runway that gradually slows the jet to a complete stop. Emergency crews then assist the pilot and shut down the plane's engines.

NATO has said it will rotate more ships, planes and troops to Eastern Europe to reassure allies, but it shied away from new, permanent bases in the east. The media in Scandinavia have speculated that the Danish F-16s could be based at the temporary base in Estonia.

The U.S. Army is currently deploying about 600 troops from the Vicenza-based 173rd Infantry Brigade Combat Team to Poland and Baltic nations for training with allied forces. A company-size unit of about 150 service-members is going to each of the four nations.

Officials in those countries hailed the U.S. decision to increase its military presence in order to reassure regional allies in the wake of Russia's takeover of Ukraine's Crimean Peninsula.

"The US presence provides, on one side, a visible reassurance, and on the other, an opportunity to intensify training and deepen interoperability," said a statement by Poland's Defense Ministry. "Thus, we see that as a vehicle for development of more structural, long term approach to bilateral defense cooperation and, more broadly, to a consolidation of [the] Alliance's position in the region."

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## Russia's Lavrov: West plots to control Ukraine

The Associated Press

MOSCOW — Accusing the West of plotting to control Ukraine, Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov declared Friday that the pro-Russia insurgents in eastern Ukraine will only lay down their arms if the Ukrainian government clears out the Maidan protest camp in Kiev.

"The West wants — and this is how it all began — to seize control of Ukraine because of their own political ambitions, not in the interests of the Ukrainian people," Lavrov said.

He added the pro-Russia insurgents will disarm and vacate buildings "only if Kiev authorities get down to implementing the Geneva accords, clear out that shameful Maidan and liberate the buildings that have been illegally seized."

Ukraine's reaction was swift. "The world has not yet forgotten the second World War, but Russia is already keen on starting a third world war," acting Prime Minis-

ter Arseniy Yatsenyuk retorted. The West, meanwhile, has accused Russia of fueling the unrest in Ukraine's east and failing to use its influence on the pro-Russia insurgents.

Elsewhere, there were scattered reports of violence Friday. Ukraine's Defense Ministry said a grenade fired from a launcher caused an explosion in a helicopter at an airfield outside the eastern city of Kratonsk that injured a pilot.

In southern Ukraine, seven people were injured by a blast at a checkpoint set up by local authorities and pro-Ukraine activists outside the Black Sea port of Odessa.

Moscow in March took control of Ukraine's Black Sea peninsula of Crimea and annexed it weeks later with the blessing of residents, attracting condemnation of the West as well as sanctions targeting individuals.



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Ukrainian army soldiers atop an armored vehicle take position Friday at a checkpoint near the "Channel Road" on the way from Artemivsk to Sloviansk in Ukraine

# US, Europe plan penalties if Russia enters Ukraine

By JULIE PACE  
The Associated Press

SEOUL, South Korea — The U.S. and Europe are laying the groundwork to sanction broad sectors of Russia's economy if Moscow invades eastern Ukraine, President Barack Obama said Friday, even as he acknowledged that those sanctions may fail to deter Vladimir Putin.

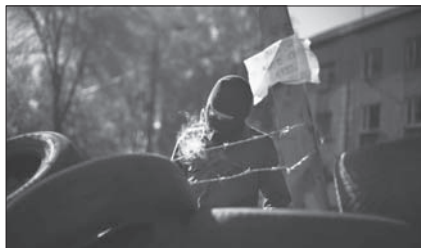
So far, the U.S. has slapped sanctions on individuals but hasn't targeted entire economic sectors, such as Russia's critical energy sector. Obama's comments affirmed that, barring a full-on military incursion, Russia is unlikely to face those beefed-up sanctions, which could ricochet and harm U.S. allies in Europe that do business with Russia.

"We'll continue to keep some arrows in our quiver in the event we see further deterioration," Obama said during a news conference in South Korea, where the president was traveling.

The president commented a little more than a week after the U.S., Russia, Ukraine and Europe signed an agreement in Geneva aimed at easing the crisis. The accord called for Moscow to get pro-Russia forces to leave the buildings they are occupying in eastern Ukraine, but there are few signs that Russia is following through on that or other commitments.

Unless circumstances change significantly, the West is expected to levy new sanctions on Russian individuals and entities. Obama held a conference call Friday night with leaders from Germany, France, Britain and Italy to discuss possible responses.

French President Francois Hollande's office said the leaders stressed the importance of imple-



A pro-Russia masked man smokes Friday behind a barricade placed around the local government building in Horlivka, 27 miles northeast of Donetsk, Ukraine.

menting the Geneva accord and discussed the prospect of adopting new sanctions. But Hollande's office did not indicate that those sanctions would be levied on Friday.

Throughout the crisis, the U.S. has sought to convey a united front with Europe, despite the reluctance of some European nations to levy harsher sanctions. Obama said he was "deeply encouraged" by the consistent condemnation of Russia's actions emanating from capitals across the globe.

Still, Obama conceded that those statements of condemnation, as well as sanctions levied on Russia so far, have not persuaded Russia's leaders to change course. But he insisted that Putin understands the economic hit Russia already has taken as a result of its actions, adding that the Russian president "is not stupid."

As if to underscore those costs, credit agency Standard & Poor's cut Russia's credit rating Friday for the first time in more than

five years.

The crisis in Ukraine has trailed Obama throughout his travels across Asia this week. As Obama opened a visit Friday to South Korea, Russia's foreign minister was accusing the West of plotting to control Ukraine. A day earlier, Russia announced new military exercises near its border with Ukraine in yet another sign that tensions have only increased.

With Moscow and Washington trading harsh words, the crisis has brought renewed attention to the tenuous relationship between Obama and Putin, who was asked during a recent news conference whether Obama would save him if he were drowning. Putin said he was sure that Obama would.

Asked to corroborate that claim on Friday, Obama joked that as a strong swimmer who grew up in Hawaii, he'd like to think he'd save anybody.

"I absolutely would save Mr. Putin if he were drowning," Obama said.

## WORLD

# Leaders urge N. Korea to cancel fourth nuke test

U.S., South Korea threaten tougher sanctions if launch occurs

By DARLENE SUPERVILLE  
The Associated Press

SEOUL, South Korea — In a display of unity against North Korea's provocations, President Barack Obama and South Korean President Park Geun-hye warned on Friday that it could face tougher sanctions if it follows through with threats to launch a fourth nuclear test.

Striking an even harsher tone than Obama, Park also suggested any test would trigger an undesirable nuclear arms race in the region and render further nuclear

negotiations pointless.

North Korea will get "nothing except further isolation" if it proceeds with its test, Obama said at a joint news conference in Seoul. But he also acknowledged there are limits to what effects additional penalties can have on the country.

"North Korea already is the most isolated country in the world, by far," Obama said. "Its people suffer terribly because of the decisions its leaders have made. And we are not going to find a magic bullet that solves this problem overnight."

Still, he said it's important to look at new ways to pressure North Korea, including applying sanctions that have "even more bite."

Park added that such a test would bring "fundamental change" to the region's security landscape and trigger a nuclear arms race as countries hurry to match the North's nuclear capabilities. She said such an outcome would make it fruitless to resume negotiations with North Korea aimed at getting it to abandon its nuclear weapons and its nuclear program.



CAROLYN KASTER/AP

**President Barack Obama and South Korean President Park Geun-hye warned North Korea on Friday that it will face tougher sanctions if it follows through with threats of a fourth nuclear test.**

In 2009, North Korea walked away from six-party talks with the U.S., South Korea, Japan, Russia and China that offered financial incentives in exchange

for denuclearization.

Park said her government has assessed that the North is "fully ready now" to conduct another nuclear test.

## Obama: Rivals lack will to spur Mideast talks forward

By JULIE PACE  
The Associated Press

SEOUL, South Korea — Voicing pessimism about a prompt restart to Mideast peace talks, President Barack Obama said Friday that neither Israelis nor Palestinians have shown the political will to make tough decisions to advance negotiations.

Obama described a reconciliation agreement between the Palestinian Authority and the militant group Hamas as "unhelpful" and said it was "just one of a series of choices that both the Israelis and Palestinians have made that are not conducive to trying to resolve this crisis."

"Folks can posture, folks can cling to maximalist positions, but realistically, there is one door and that is the two parties getting together and making some very difficult political compromises in order to secure the future of both Israelis and Palestinians for future generations," Obama said. "Do I expect that they will walk through that door next week, next month or even in the course of the next six months? No."

While he said the U.S. would continue to offer the parties "constructive approaches," he also conceded that "there may come a point at which there just needs to be a pause and both sides need to look at the alternatives."

Obama made his remarks during a news conference with South Korea's President Park Geun-hye a day after Israel broke off Mideast peace talks in protest of the Palestinian Authority and Hamas agreement.

The burden of brokering the talks largely has been carried by Secretary of State John Kerry, who has devoted personal time and travel for months in hopes of keeping negotiations alive. But Obama also has stepped into the effort, personally prodding Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas last month in separate White House meetings to make the difficult choices needed to advance the talks.



YONHAP/AP

**A diver jumps into the sea Friday near Jindo, South Korea, to look for passengers believed to have been trapped in the sunken Sewol ferry.**

## S. Korea concedes it misidentified some remains

By JUNG-YOON CHOI  
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The Associated Press

SEOUL, South Korea — As visiting President Barack Obama offered South Koreans his condolences Friday for the ferry disaster, the South Korean government conceded that some bodies have been misidentified and announced changes to prevent such mistakes from happening again.

There have been several reports in South Korean media this week of bodies going to the wrong families, with errors sometimes caught only after remains were taken to funeral homes. An "action plan" released by the government-wide emergency task force acknowledged that "there have been cases where the victims were wrongly transferred."

Remains will be transferred to families when there are matches using DNA testing or fingerprint or dental records, the task force said. A transfer will be temporary

when a body is matched though identification or physical description, and authorities will wait for more authoritative evidence before making that transfer permanent.

Divers have recovered 183 bodies so far, but 119 remain missing and are feared dead in the dark rooms of the submerged vessel.

Search officials including a navy spokesman and a diver said 35 of the ferry's 111 rooms have been searched so far. Yonhap news agency reported. They said 48 of the bodies recovered were found in a single, large room built to accommodate 38.

The ferry sank April 16 on its way from Incheon port to the southern tourist island of Jeju. More than 80 percent of the 302 dead and missing are students from the single high school in Ansan, south of Seoul.

Obama arrived Friday afternoon at the Blue House, South Korea's presidential residence, and presented President Park Geun-hye with an American flag that flew over the White House the day the ship sank. His first South Korean visit since Park took

office last year was aimed at issues including North Korea, but he noted that his trip comes at a time of "great sorrow."

Eleven crewmembers, including the captain, have been arrested on suspicion of negligence and abandoning people in need. Prosecutor Yang Jung-jin of the joint investigation team said Friday that the cause of the sinking could be due to excessive veering, improper stowage of cargo, modifications made to the ship and tidal influence. He said investigators will determine the cause by consulting with experts and simulations.

The ferry Sewol was carrying an estimated 3,608 tons of cargo, said Moon Ki-han, a vice president at Union Transport Co., which loaded its cargo. That's also more than three times what an inspector who examined the vessel during a redesign said it could safely carry. It also far exceeds what the captain claimed in paperwork: 150 cars and 657 tons of other cargo, according to the coast guard.



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By PETER H. SCHUCK

**C**ampaign finance reformers are worried about the future. They contend that two Supreme Court rulings — the McCutcheon decision in March and the 2010 Citizens United decision — will magnify inequality in U.S. politics.

In both cases, the court majority relaxed constraints on how money can be spent on or donated to political campaigns. By allowing more private money to flow to campaigns, the critics maintain, the court has allowed the rich an unfair advantage in shaping political outcomes and made "one dollar, one vote" (in one formulation) the measure of our corrupted democracy.

That argument misses the mark for at least four reasons.

First, the money spent on federal campaigns is not excessive; quite the contrary. Second, elections — and politics in general — are inherently unequal for many reasons other than money. Third, incumbency is by far the greatest source of this inequality, and the limits on contributions — and thus on most candidates' spending — that reformers want to retain would only worsen it. Finally, the claim that generous donors and big independent spenders in effect buy federal elections and policies is contradicted by the empirical evidence.

Politics is inevitably expensive in a vast, diverse, media-centered country like ours. Town meetings, soapboxes and water-cooler conversations are cheap and important, but most campaigning is done through televised debates, advertising, direct mail and other costly media. Money is not exactly speech, but it is essential to communicating political ideas effectively, and even negative advertising conveys useful information to voters.

Indeed, we should probably spend more on elections than we do. In the 2012 election, parties, candidates and political committees not directly affiliated with them spent \$7 billion. That may seem like a lot of money, but consider it in context. In 2011, Americans spent an estimated \$10.4 billion — almost 50 percent more — on cosmetic surgery. In a 2003 study, Harvard political scientist Stephen Ansolobeh and his colleagues found that campaign spending as a share of GDP had not risen appreciably in more than a century.

Equal opportunity in politics is impossible to define or control. Some candidates have less money but more of other assets — organizational skills, name recognition, dynamic ties, contacts with opinion leaders, charisma, telegenic appeal, convincing arguments, personal wealth, key endorsements, compelling life stories and stronger party support. Because of these nonmonetary factors, higher-spending candidates often lose. There is simply no way to equalize such factors, nor should we try.



ILLUSTRATION BY RICK NEASE/Detroit Free Press

The most important electoral advantage, by far, is incumbency, which profoundly weakens the political competition that a robust democracy requires. Unlike the other advantages, we could reduce this one in several ways, such as with free or low-cost TV time or providing the equivalent of incumbents' franking privilege.

Instead, the very restrictions on campaign spending that reformers have been enacting since the 1970s almost always increase the already immense advantages of incumbents: seniority, name recognition, party support, free mailings to constituents, power over legislation and redistricting, and the easier access to contributions that these advantages bring.

Perhaps most important, incumbents write the campaign finance laws, including public funding schemes. Not surprisingly, when these laws are enacted by legislatures rather than voter initiative, they almost always limit the very spending that would help challengers reduce these vast incumbent advantages.

Finally, contributions actually affect policy decisions less than reformers think. Studies show that most contributions are well below the legal ceilings and go to candidates whose well-established views already agree with the donors' views. Such contributions serve to fortify more than to persuade, to improve donor access rather than to buy votes.

Political scientists also find little relationship between money and votes once they control for other factors relevant to constituents, especially their underlying inter-

ests. And campaign spending seems to have only a minuscule effect on outcomes. Political scientists studying congressional elections over a 20-year period found that an extra \$175,000 in spending would increase a candidate's vote tally by only a third of a percentage point, partly because opponents respond by increasing their spending. The 2012 presidential election confirmed this arm's race analogy.

Loose, misleading talk about "the appearance of corruption" and "buying" elections probably damages public confidence in our politics more than the campaign spending permitted by the Supreme Court's recent decisions. The point isn't that our campaign finance system is perfect or that reform is futile — far from it — but that limits on spending aggravate inequalities by further entrenching incumbent advantages.

Better alternatives are available. As noted above, candidates with significant support should get free or low-cost TV time. Legal reforms can encourage nonwealthy citizens to give to campaigns. Greater disclosure of who gives what to whom can enable voters to draw their own conclusions about the influence of candidates' donors.

Most important, contribution limits can be designed to channel more of donors' money through the parties, which take a more moderate, long-term view of candidate selection, campaigning and policy.

Peter H. Schuck, a professor at Yale Law School, is now visiting at UC Berkeley's law and public policy schools. His new book is "Why Government Fails. So Often, and How It Can Do Better." He wrote this for the Los Angeles Times.

## San Jose airport stowaway does us a favor

San Jose (Calif.) Mercury News editorial

The 16-year-old Santa Clara, Calif., boy who hopped a fence onto the tarmac at Mineta San Jose International Airport to hitch a ride in the wheel well of a Hawaiian-jetliner did us all a favor.

We're just glad he beat the odds and, miraculously, was still alive when the plane landed on Maui.

While parents of their own rebellious teens were struck cold by the tale far from copypasts, the rest of us immediately thought: terrorists. If the kid could get onto the runway and into a wheel well overnight, why not a guy planting a bomb?

That's where the favor comes in. The

**If the kid could get onto the runway and into a wheel well overnight, why not a guy planting a bomb?**

porous security was exposed without any body getting hurt, let alone killed.

San Jose's airport officials say they meet all the federal standards for security — which means the warning is not just for San Jose but for all U.S. airports.

High fences, some barbed wire and video cameras might seem like enough to keep people out or at least make sure they get caught. But clearly they're not.

SJC covers more than 1,000 acres, and it's relatively small airport. Imagine the perimeter at Chicago's O'Hare.

Of course, the smaller expanse might make it a quicker run from the perimeter fence to the airplanes, but still.

The word is out now that this is possible, so there's a new urgency to tightening security.

Thank the young interloper. Who, by the way, is about to encounter a whole new meaning of being grounded.

## OPINION

## AIDS at 30: Apathy, ignorance plus HIV kills

By Nathalia Holt

It was a chilly spring day in Washington when Secretary of Health and Human Services Margaret Heckler made a historic announcement. "The probable cause of AIDS has been found," she began, "a variant of a known human cancer virus." It was 1984, and she confidently declared that a vaccine would be available within two years. It was a statement of hope rather than science.

Researchers in France and the United States had discovered what was behind the AIDS epidemic, and the news was not as promising as Heckler would have the public believe. Yes, it was a virus, but not just any virus. The retrovirus discovered that year, later named HIV, is part of a family of viruses known to camouflage themselves within human DNA. No one knew how to treat them. For most virologists, the end of the epidemic seemed far away. When Heckler made the stunning announcement in 1984, perhaps her forceful language was compensation for years of White House inaction.

In 1982, a reporter at a White House briefing asked President Ronald Reagan's press secretary, Larry Speakes, if the president had any reaction to the AIDS crisis. He responded, "What's AIDS?" The reporter said that it was known as the "gay plague" and was responsible for hundreds of deaths. The room erupted in laughter. Speakes brushed off the question as a playful lark. Reagan did not make his first major speech on the issue until May 1987. By then, the epidemic had spread to 113 nations, 36,000 Americans were infected with HIV, and 21,000 Americans had died from AIDS.

In 1984, the stigma associated with HIV was crushing. Some of those we depend on most in an emergency — firefighters, police officers, doctors and hospitals — refused to take care of people with HIV. Those with AIDS found the physical manifestations of the disease — sunken cheeks and purplish pock marks called Kaposi's sarcoma — isolating. HIV-positive children, notably Ryan White, were banned from school. The virus brought the ugliness of homophobia to light. Insidiously, it even invaded our science. Some researchers refrained from working on the disease because of its association with gay men.



Brian Jones, of Jamestown, Pa., looks at the AIDS memorial quilt at the Keep the Promise on HIV/AIDS rally in Washington, D.C., in July 2012.

Others found themselves having to defend their work on a disease perceived by critics as a lifestyle choice. Dr. Anthony Fauci, today the head of the National Institutes of Allergies and Infectious Disease, famously rebutted detractors when he said, "What lifestyle did the fetus undertake to acquire the disease?"

In the 30 years since we discovered HIV, the stigma surrounding it has lessened, but it has never completely dissipated. And new threats loom: apathy and ignorance. AIDS advocacy groups are suffering from "prevention fatigue." The waning interest in prevention has propelled rising HIV infections in adolescents and young adults in comparison with other age groups. Of the estimated 1.1 million Americans living with HIV, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention sug-

gests that 16 percent do not know their HIV status. This number is significantly higher for those ages 13 to 24; 60 percent of these individuals don't know they are infected. Young adults are also more likely to delay treatment, waiting until the virus causes irreparable damage to the body.

We've also seen the rise of what AIDS policy advocates call "HIV shaming" — situations in which gay men openly discriminate against those with HIV. A generation far removed from the dark days of the disease may not realize that more than 1 million lives are still lost to AIDS annually.

In the midst of the cultural lethargy surrounding HIV, the science has never been stronger. Today, thanks to new therapies, people with HIV can live long, healthy lives.

There is a small group of pa-

tients whose HIV has been cured by radical therapies and whose experiences have fueled promising clinical trials. After two infants were cleared of the virus, we have new hope for eradicating HIV in children.

A drug called Truvada reportedly is able to reduce the risk of becoming infected with HIV by 75 percent. But it's used by only a small percentage of those who could benefit from it. The drug has suffered from a poor reputation because some derisively call it a "party drug" and those who take it "Truvada whores." It's become a sad example of how cultural attitudes can hamper medicine.

Thirty years ago, Dr. Robert Gallo, the co-discoverer of HIV, stood next to Heckler at that news conference. He felt uneasy when he heard Heckler say that

a vaccine would be available in two years. Over the next three decades many guarantees would be made about HIV, almost all of them empty promises. Yet today, Gallo sees the situation finally changing. He says that a "functional cure, I believe, is definitely achievable."

And in December, the White House announced a \$100-million initiative toward finding a cure for HIV. This investment has the potential to make an enormous difference. But research is only one piece of the puzzle. Our ability to treat and cure HIV in the future is threatened by the continued stigma, apathy and ignorance surrounding the virus. HIV at 30 still has a long way to go.

Nathalia Holt is a research scientist and the author of "Cured: How the Berlin Patients Defeated HIV and Forever Changed Medical Science."

## House should adopt act to put an end to epidemic of veteran suicides

The Seattle Times

An epidemic of veteran suicides in America cuts across generations of men and women who have served their country. The death toll this year alone averages 22 veterans per day.

U.S. Senate Bill 2182, the Suicide Prevention for America's Veterans Act, was introduced last month by U.S. Sen. John Walsh, D-Mont., the first Iraq vet to serve in the Senate. Washington Demo-

cratic Sen. Patty Murray is a co-sponsor.

Having a U.S. House member from Washington state introduce the legislation in that chamber would merit high praise.

Having a Republican do it, in the GOP-controlled House, would speak volumes about the measure's legislative prospects.

Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America and its founder Paul Riechhoff developed and promoted the legislation.

Walsh introduced the legislation during IAVA's National Day of Action on March

27, when 1,892 American flags were placed on the National Mall, representing the averaged cumulative suicide toll in 2014 to that day.

Key among the legislation's efforts to improve access to mental-health care is language to extend special combat eligibility from five years to 15 years. IAVA reports, for a quarter of veterans, the mental traumas and invisible injuries of service do not appear for 10 to 12 years, long after free care for combat veterans expires. Then

layers of priority rankings determine and delay access to care.

The legislation also seeks to ensure health-care providers are trained to identify veterans at risk of suicide, and that agencies provide seamless care from drug formularies to electronic records.

As a nation, we are quick to lavish praise on veterans. Gratitude and respect must be demonstrated with tangible support for their service-related physical and mental-health needs.

# AMERICAN ROUNDUP

## Feds expand allegations in suspected spud scam

**ND** FARGO — Federal authorities have expanded the scope of their investigation into two brothers from North Dakota accused of intentionally destroying potatoes to collect crop insurance payments.

The original indictment alleged that Aaron Johnson, 50, and Derek Johnson, 47, and their company, Johnson Potato, conspired to receive more than \$800,000 in illegal payments dating to 2006. Now, the government says the farmers from the Cooperstown area pocketed more than \$2 million since 2002.

The Johnsons have pleaded not guilty to conspiracy and making false statements. One of their lawyers told The Associated Press on Friday that it's a complex case that will take time to decipher.

The updated indictment filed last week accuses the brothers of adding chemicals to the potato seeds so they would not grow and purposely damaging the plants with cultivators. The Johnsons claimed their lack of potato production was the result of natural causes "rather than their own intentional destructive conduct," the indictment says.

## Rescue helicopter blows deflating raft ashore

**AK** ANCHORAGE — The Air Force, Coast Guard and Alaska State Troopers have worked together to rescue a man who found himself on a deflating raft in Cook Inlet near Anchorage.

The Coast Guard got a request for help Tuesday evening from troopers who reported the man was in trouble. That agency launched a helicopter crew from Kodiak.

Then the Air Force advised that it had both a plane and a Black Hawk helicopter about five minutes away.

Coast Guard Petty Officer Diana Honings said the Black Hawk crew used the helicopter's rotor wash to push the man's deflating raft to shore, where he was met by troopers. They flew him to a hospital for evaluation.

## WWII-era battle cruiser getting new deck

**NY** BUFFALO — A World War II-era U.S. Navy cruiser serving as a floating museum on Buffalo's Lake Erie waterfront is getting a topside makeover.

The Buffalo News reports that workers recently began replacing the USS Little Rock's wooden deck. The crews are tearing up the pressure-treated lumber covering the 70-year-old warship's deck and are replacing it with a long-lasting vinyl-type covering.

The Little Rock is part of the Buffalo and Erie County Naval and Military Park, which also includes two other World War II Navy vessels: the USS The Sullivans, a destroyer, and the USS Croaker, a submarine.

The decommissioned Little Rock's wood-planked deck has been exposed to Buffalo's harsh,

## THE CENSUS

**5** The number of years that elapsed before a cat that disappeared was reunited with its owner thanks to a microchip. The 10-year-old cat named Charlie showed up Monday at an animal control facility in Fort Wayne, Ind. on Monday. Workers scanned the cat and discovered Charlie had a microchip that identified Virginia Fryback of Fort Wayne as his owner. Fryback is thankful to the veterinarian who convinced her to get a microchip when Charlie was a kitten.



CHRIS PIETSCH, THE (EUGENE, ORE.) REGISTER-GUARD/AP

## Kiss for a coffee fix

Una, a Belgian Malinois, offers a kiss Wednesday to Kat Smith, owner of the The Grateful Grind, after getting a treat during a coffee stop by Una's owner in the Gateway area of Springfield, Ore. A morning routine, Una starts whining as soon as the car turns onto Gateway Boulevard, according to her owner, Ayn Sales.

winter weather since it arrived in the late 1970s.

So far, \$275,000 in donations and grants are secured for the half-million-dollar project.

## Doctor accused of health care fraud

**FL** GAINESVILLE — A Gainesville doctor has been charged with more than 200 counts of health care fraud.

U.S. Attorney's officials say Ona Colasante, 57, surrendered Tuesday after being indicted by a grand jury.

According to the indictment, Colasante made money billing the government for medical tests, including substance abuse counseling and smoking cessation, that patient never received. She allegedly used that money to buy non-FDA-approved drugs and devices from pharmacies outside the country.

A trial is set for June. If convicted, Colasante faces 10 years in prison for each of the health

care fraud counts.

## Officer accused of aiding drug traffickers

**NJ** NEWARK — Federal authorities say a Miami-Dade police officer assigned to investigate departmental wrongdoing was instead working on behalf of a New Jersey-based drug trafficking organization, helping members elude security at major airports and move hundreds of thousands of dollars in illegal proceeds.

Lt. Ralph Mata of Broward County, Fla., made a first appearance Wednesday in a federal courtroom in Newark on drug trafficking and illegal money transaction charges. He was not required to enter a plea.

Wearing a navy suit and standing next to his lawyer, Mata spoke only to clarify a question from U.S. District Judge Cathy Waldor. After court, defense attorney Jay Sargent said Mata denies all the charges and plans to defend his innocence "to the hilt." Mata remained free on \$500,000 bail.

The FBI said Mata, 45, was known as "the Milk Man" to New Jersey cocaine dealers and helped move money, partly by escorting

traffickers carrying cash so they could bypass security at airports in New York and Miami.

The U.S. attorney's office in New Jersey also alleged that Mata used his airport connections to smuggle weapons concealed in luggage to the dealers and even suggested how they might carry out a potential hit on a rival gang.

## 2-week truce for hot sauce maker, city

**CA** LOS ANGELES — A cooling-off period has been called in the fight between the makers of a popular hot sauce and the Southern California city that says its air is too spicy to bear.

The Irwindale City Council delayed a decision for two weeks Wednesday night on declaring the Sriracha plant a public nuisance.

About 100 supporters of the hot sauce including owner David Tran rallied outside City Hall before the meeting.

Irwindale's city attorney requested the delay, saying he's in settlement talks with attorneys for Sriracha maker Huy Fong Foods.

Two weeks ago, council members tentatively but unanimously voted the 2-year-old plant was a

## Gaga over gorillas? 2 babies arrive at zoo

**NY** NEW YORK — A New York City zoo is celebrating the arrivals of two baby western lowland gorillas.

They're the first gorillas born at the Wildlife Conservation Society's Bronx Zoo since 2006.

Zoo officials said Thursday the babies' genders aren't yet known.

A gorilla named Julia gave birth on March 10. Another named Tuti had her baby on April 17.

Newborns weigh about 4 to 5 pounds. Females could grow up to weigh 250 pounds, males about 450 pounds.

Gorilla infants are held by their mothers for the first four months of their lives.

Zoo visitors can see the babies this spring if conditions such as the weather and temperature are right.

From wire reports



## HEALTH &amp; FITNESS

# Wheelchair WARRIORS

## Disabled players relish ferocious competition of rugby

By **KIM HONE-McMAHAN**  
Akron Beacon Journal

**T**he gladiators' legs were tucked inside their machines. On their hands, they placed a foam-like wrap, followed by gloves and duct tape, sticky side up. It was time to do battle.

Wheelchair rugby was originally called murderball, and for good reason. It's a fierce game with metal-on-metal and sometimes skin-on-floor contact.

The six guys who make up this team, which practices for about three hours each Friday night in Tallmadge, Ohio, are all quadriplegics, meaning that they have varying loss of function in all four limbs, mostly from injuries suffered in accidents.

At the age of 16, Nathan Gay was accidentally shot in the neck when a friend

was putting away a shotgun they had used while hunting.

Austin Geib, at 15, was hanging upside down on a pull-up bar when the bar fell, breaking his neck.

In high school, Adam Sweeney was injured in a car accident that killed his brother.

Yianni Thallas was about 20 when he got hurt diving off a roof into a pool.

Stephen Zuravel was just a teen when he was severely injured in a one-car accident.

And Jamal Saxton was born with muscular dystrophy.

As might be expected, such serious disabilities can be devastating. What once was natural, like buttoning a shirt, is now a chore, or impossible. For some, depression can take a toll, and finding an escape from their suddenly sedentary lifestyles can be

a challenge.

"I have been competitive all of my life. But once I broke my neck, I didn't know what I was going to do," said Geib, now 18, who attends high school online. "This (wheelchair rugby) brought back that competitive edge."

The sport, once known as murderball because the idea was to "murder" the competition, is a mix of basketball and demolition derby.

"It lifts my spirit and makes me feel normal," said Gay, 27, a recent Kent State grad from Streetsboro, Ohio. It was a comment that was repeated by most of his teammates.

Zuravel, 23, of Stow, Ohio, was in search of something that would push his physical limitations and decided to attend a practice.



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**Above, Tabitha Englehart tapes the hands of quad wheelchair rugby player Yianni Thallas before a practice in Tallmadge, Ohio, in January. Below, Jamal Saxton, left, collides with Nathan Gay during the same practice. "It lifts my spirit and makes me feel normal," Gay said of playing wheelchair rugby. The sport is part basketball and part demolition derby.**

"I remember when I was on my way there, I shoved a couple of pieces of pizza down and thought to myself, 'This isn't going to be hard. I've done marathons (on a hand cycle).' So I was pretty cocky going into it. Very quickly I was humbled," said the mechanical engineering student, laughing. "Sometimes when I go to tournaments there are guys twice my age who I'm having a hard time keeping up with on the court. So it put me in my place pretty quick."

Adam Sweeney, 34 said there was only one thing missing after his accident.

"I accepted my life right away. I decided that I was still going to get everything that I've ever wanted — a job, a house and a wife. And that's what I have," said Sweeney, a service support administrator for Mahoning County's Board of Developmental Disabilities. "So when I heard about rugby, I said, 'That's the last component to put my life back to normal.'"

The athletes, some of whom admit the game is much less violent than people think, play for the Buckeye Blitz wheelchair rugby team in Columbus. Come next season, starting in September, they will break off to become their own team, the Akron Rhinos. And that means they are aggressively looking for new players who have some form of impairment in at least three limbs.

Zuravel is known by his teammates as Queen Bee because of his nudging and encouragement of players to do their best, as well as his persistent lobbying of others with physical disabilities to give the game a try.

"You might think it's weird and not for you, but just come to a practice and try the sport — for the betterment of your health," said Zuravel. "See what it does for you."

Able-bodied men and women are also needed to play with the team during practices, added Thallas, 32, a network engineer from Parma Heights, Ohio.

Coach Megan Haas, 24, explained that exercise for those with spinal cord injuries is even more important than for those who have never been hurt.

"We can walk everywhere; they can't. With a physical disability like they have ... they are dependent on somebody else after their accident," said Haas, who has a master's degree in adaptive physical activity. "It's so awesome to see people with disabilities play at a competitive level and become more independent."



## VIDEO GAMES



Bethesda Softworks

"Elder Scrolls Online" takes the popular franchise to the MMO masses. Its worlds are vast and diverse enough to have gamers exploring for days on end.

# Never-ending glory

'Elder Scrolls Online' offers all the multiplayer medieval mayhem you can take

By BRIAN BOWERS  
Stars and Stripes

For years, fans of the "Elder Scrolls" franchise have dreamed of fighting side by side with friends in the fantasy land of Tamriel. With the release of "The Elder Scrolls Online," they get their chance.

The new online game is remarkably faithful to its predecessors. From the lore to the gameplay to the graphics — and even the glitches — it definitely feels like a familiar foray into the medieval world created by Bethesda Softworks.

Of course, the mechanics and dynamics of cooperative and competitive play have been added in the transition from a single-player title to a massive multiplayer online game. And the minor tweaks are countless. However, it seems that Bethesda really didn't make any major changes to its basic formula. And that should make fans happy.

What hasn't made many of them happy is the \$15-per-month subscription fee.

For the past year, gamers have been eager to point out that practically every other online multiplayer game is now "free to play," relying on advertising or on fees that unlock special items and experiences. Of course the MMO king, "World of Warcraft," still gets away with charging a monthly subscription fee, so the fee-haters' argument will fall flat if "ESO" manages to reach similar status. While that might be a tough dragon to slay, I believe it is possible.

Gamers want enthralling stories and enjoyable gameplay. Fortunately, "ESO" has

both covered — though it doesn't actually break any new ground in the second category.

"ESO" starts off with a much richer heritage than "World of Warcraft." Bethesda can draw upon the lore developed for five deep role-playing games filled with fascinating people, nations and creatures. "WoW" had only three strategy games that were fun, but comparatively light on myths. In addition, the folks at Bethesda are skilled at developing games that offer more than 100 hours of captivating gameplay. Because of this, I don't think providing interesting content should be a major concern.

That was evident during the first weeks of availability. Despite playing the game for almost 100 hours since its beta phase, I feel like I've only dented the surface. I've played extensively in only one of the three warring alliances and have just debbled in the others. Each has a unique set of missions and environments, so there's plenty more for me to explore as I create new characters and join other alliances. And Bethesda is already advertising that more adventures are on the way.

Players start the game by creating a character, which involves coming up with a name, choosing gender, race, alliance and career path and determining physical characteristics. The races are the usual suspects for Tamriel — several nationalities of humans and elves, feline Khajiit, reptilian Argonians and rugged orcs. The career possibilities consist of dragon knights, warrior-monks known as Templars, stealthy Nightblades and magic users. The character-creation mechanics

Overall grade: **B+**

give you an excellent amount of control over your avatar's physical characteristics. My only gripe concerns the relatively limited number of hairstyles and beards.

Upon creating a warrior or wizard, you are cast into a prison in another dimension known as Coldharbour, which serves as a tutorial level. After learning the ropes and escaping your incarceration, you are transported to a location that's determined by the alliance you selected.

Since I have the "Imperial Edition," I was able to create a high-elf dragon knight who was part of the Ebonheart Pact — an unusual combination because high elves are normally part of the Aldmeri Dominion. Since I was part of Ebonheart, I started in the town of Davon's Watch. There, my goal was to circumvent the nefarious schemes of the rival Daggerfall Covenant.

The war among these three alliances is the primary motivator behind the game's action. Each of the three aims to take control of the imperial city of Cyrodiil. Many of the single-player and small-group missions touch on this theme. And the player vs. player mode hinges on this conflict.

Combat is handled like that in most PC role-playing games — mouse clicks and hot keys initiating different kinds of attacks. As long as your connection isn't lagging, the attacks unfold smoothly and efficiently.

Although you select a character class at the beginning, you aren't prevented from using weapons and certain skills associ-

ated with other career fields. For example, my dragon knight has joined the mages guild, so I have a few magical tricks up my sleeve. This sort of diversity is similar to the system that Bethesda used in "Oblivion" and "Skyrim," though it's not quite as versatile. As a dragon knight, I'll never have access to Nightblade, mage or Templar's most distinctive abilities.

As in most role-playing games, you gain strength and abilities as you acquire experience and increase in level. So, you can learn to breathe fire, forge better swords or be more persuasive when talking to nonplayer characters, depending on which career path and guilds you choose. New levels come at a pretty steady pace if you keep on top of your missions. Simply wandering through the countryside and killing zombies and demonic Daedra isn't enough — though it is fun.

Nonplayer enemies tend to be relatively well balanced as long as your character is at the right level for a particular area. For example, if you're level 4 and face off against two or three level 4 or level 5 bandits, you should do well. If you're level 15 and stumble into an area geared toward level 20, you're going to die. One of the problems is that it's way too easy to bumble. From experience, I know that there's a level-appropriate set of adventures somewhere, but it sometimes can take an hour of repeatedly dying and respawning to find it.

Many of the major missions have some connection to the wider conflict among the alliances. Spies might be poisoning a town's water or an army might be attacking

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a city. Others focus on local problems, like giant bugs infesting local mines or an elf who thinks a ghostlike creature is his reincarnated wife. Some are very complex and challenging, involving multiple mini-quests. Others are more mundane, like gathering ingredients so the local apothecary can mix up some medicine or finding a hungover warrior's missing pants. Quests are scattered all over the map so there's always a reason to explore — one of the elements of previous games that helps make "ESO" so fun.

Most missions unfold in public areas. This means that other avatars are always nearby, completing their own quests. This can be helpful, but sometimes can get a bit odd. For example, if I'm trying to knock down a big boss, I'm usually quite happy to receive a helping hand from another wandering warrior. Everyone gets his own batch of loot after the battle, so there's no fear of losing goodies to interlopers. However, since the battle unfolds in a public area, the boss needs to reappear to confront the next batch of adventurers. The result is that Mr. Badly is sometimes resurrected beside me before I can even loot his treasure chest. Although there's no need to fight him again, it doesn't seem quite right.

And those hovering adventurers can present some irritating problems of their own. For example, if you're gathering certain items as part of a quest, you will need to be quick or others might grab the goodies from under your nose. Or they might unintentionally interfere with a puzzle.

In addition to the missions in public areas, you can team up with friends and tackle private areas. These usually present tougher enemies and better loot. They can be very fun and very lucrative.

The third option is the player vs. player mode. In this, the three alliances struggle for control of resources, fortresses and magical Elder Scrolls, with the ultimate winner of the campaign crowning a new emperor, aka its highest-ranking player.

The battles occur on an immense map that's dotted with castles, lumber mills, mines and farms. Action can pop up at almost any point since each location holds strategic value. Fighting ranges from small-time bushwhacking to full-blown sieges, complete with catapults and dozens of warriors. It's a mix that will be familiar to fans of "Guild Wars 2," but it's still enjoyable.

You can join the struggle for Cyrodiil after reaching level 10. Your level will be boosted temporarily to the maximum — level 50 — so you'll be somewhat competitive. However, you'll keep your regular abilities, weapons and armor, so don't expect to live long if the action gets hot. Even though it's fun to jump into the middle of a castle siege, it's best to start off by taking easier missions, such as scouting out enemy territory.

It's also wise to travel with a friend, because solo trips can easily turn deadly. Twice, I died in heavy action and tried to rejoin the fray by galloping across the countryside only to be waylaid by groups of enemies waiting for unwary travelers.

Aside from the fun of participating in large-scale battles, the big benefit of this mode is that the experience and gear you acquire can be carried back to the regular campaign.

## Graphics and glitches

The graphic presentation is similar to that of "Skyrim," realistic rather than surrealistic or cartoony. The environments are well designed and attractive, though they lack the feeling of grandeur that's con-



Photos by Bethesda Softworks

Most missions unfold in public areas, so you can enlist other avatars to help.

veyed by the expansive vistas of "Skyrim." And it's hard to avoid a feeling of déjà vu when exploring buildings, because there is a very limited number of floor plans for houses, inns and castles.

If you have a computer that can handle the "ultra-high" graphics setting, you're likely to be impressed with the detail and textures — at least by MMO standards. However, since I'm "the console guy," I don't have a computer that can handle that setting for anything other than quick strolls around town. Combat requires quick action and that's not going to happen unless I knock the settings for my computer — new but very average — down to "medium." But even in that setting, the graphics are respectable.

However, visual glitches are relatively common. Don't be surprised to see a riderless horse scoot across the ground without moving its legs, or watch your avatar lean over and be absorbed by a nearby rock, or see an enemy back up and go inside a wall, or run toward an open area only to have a tree suddenly materialize right in front of him. Some of these issues are caused by graphics bugs but others are undoubtedly caused by laggy connections and my "medium" settings.

Other bugs have more serious implications for gameplay. In several cases, I've encountered quests that couldn't be completed because certain elements wouldn't activate. These are easy to spot because you'll see four or five other avatars circling the item in question or jumping up and down on top of it. In most cases, Bethesda has eventually corrected the problem — once about an hour after I discovered it. I've also fallen through the ground and



The graphics in "Elder Scrolls Online" are well-designed and attractive, especially if your computer can handle the "ultra-high" graphics setting.

into the game's digital "basement" and gotten firmly stuck in a glitched part of the landscape. Both problems require using the fast-travel function to escape. I love Bethesda's role-playing games, but I have to admit that I've come to expect these sorts of glitches.

The game carries a mature rating for violence, blood, drinking and sexual themes, though they are very low key compared to most M-rated games.

**Bottom line:** B+ "The Elder Scrolls Online" is fun, deep and satisfying. It doesn't break a lot of new ground, but it does almost everything well.

**Platform:** PC, Coming to Xbox One and PlayStation 4 in June.

**Online:** elderscrollsonline.com

## Beyond the battles

Of course, there's more to the game than fighting and questing. You'll probably spend just as much time crafting new items, picking locks, dealing with merchants and managing your inventory of arms, potions and ingredients. These functions haven't changed dramatically from "Oblivion" and "Skyrim," but each has been tweaked.

Crafting retains its significance. You can usually create and enchant better weapons and armor than those you will discover in your travels. It just requires obtaining the right materials and gaining enough proficiency to master the skills involved. The biggest change is the addition of the ability to research special characteristics that you can add to your creations. For example, you can increase the penetration of a sword and that's in addition to adding magical properties, such as electrical or flame damage through enchantment.

Lock-picking has been revised to make it more like the system used in "Oblivion" instead of the one used in "Skyrim." It now involves poking at sliding pins rather than twirling a pick around the front of a lock. There's also a time limit, so you can't linger at the task.

The inventory system and other menuses are accessed through hot keys or clicking on icons — one of the benefits of moving from a console format to the PC. As a result, the process of leveling up or managing your inventory is much less cumbersome.

— Brian Bowers

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# LIFESTYLE



KENNETH K. LAM/Baltimore Sun

Sidney Garland, left, shares a dorm room with friend Nita Strickland in a gender-neutral housing program at Towson University, in Towson, Md. They especially like the semi-private bathroom that only the two of them use.

## The gender-neutral dorm

More universities let men and women live together to meet increase in demand

By CARRIE WELLS  
The Baltimore Sun

Nita Strickland and Sidney Garland, best friends since the sixth grade, have shared a lot — their hopes and daily frustrations and an interest in some of the same music and TV shows.

Now in college, even though they are of opposite sexes, the two share a tiny dorm room on Towson University's campus, outside of Baltimore.

What would have been considered taboo just a few decades ago is becoming more common. Coed dormitories, which shocked some when introduced in the 1970s, have given way to coed rooms. The well-established trend even has a modern moniker: gender-neutral housing.

Strickland and Garland, from Prince George's County, Md., decorated their small living space with Towson University memorabilia and pop music posters. Having a private bathroom is a major plus, the roommates agreed.

"I don't see it as living with someone of the opposite gender as it is living with a really good friend," said Strickland, 21. "Hours will go by, we'll just be lying here talking about everything. Sometimes we'll wake up in the morning and be like, 'Oh we stayed up till 4 a.m.'"

"A lot of people when they hear we're living together, they're

like, 'How did you get so lucky?'" added Garland, 20.

University administrators say they began exploring mixed-gender housing in response to a growing demand.

The policies vary by school — some universities allow freshmen to participate, others don't except in special circumstances; and some universities only allow

versity of Maryland, Baltimore County. "They came to UMBC where they felt safe about their gender identity or expression, so this was helpful for them."

According to the national lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender advocacy group Campus Pride, nearly 150 universities around the country offer the option of gender-neutral housing, including California's state universities, Yale University, Columbia University and George Washington University.

Most programs started in the past six years. Deborah Grandner, the director of resident life at the College Park campus, said a student housing advisory group first approached her about the option in 2005 and that she attended a forum sponsored by a LGBT group that solidified her opinions about why the program was necessary.

"The students there expressed serious concerns about navigating their living environment in our state-owned residence halls," Grandner said. "Their roommate situation could really make or break their college experience."

The program, offered in housing across campus, has grown from about 60 students to about 400 now, she said. About 12,000 students live in residence halls and privately managed apartments.

Alex Stoller's apartment on College Park's campus is a melting pot of six roommates from diverse backgrounds — and a blend of three men and two women in addition to Stoller. None of the students is gay or transgender.

"It's been eye-opening to live with people of the opposite sex," said Stoller, a sophomore from the Boston suburbs studying journalism. "There's also never drama. Girls can get catty and it can be harder, but with the guys it's nice because it's definitely a family dynamic. We're like brothers and sisters."

"If I want real girl time," she added, "I go to my sorority house."

While college officials say they've seen very little backlash, not everyone has accepted what soon could be considered a societal norm.

For the first time this year, a delegate introduced a bill in the Maryland General Assembly to eliminate state funding to colleges that offer mixed-gender housing. The bill died in committee in March.

"I've talked to constituents who have said, 'I don't want people shacking up together on taxpayer dollars,'" said Washington County Republican Del. Neil Parrott, the bill's sponsor,

whose conservative résumé includes leading the failed effort to overturn same-sex marriage. We have social mores in our society, and it seems like these universities are trying to push that away," he said. Constituents "want to see colleges educating students and not experimenting with a whole new room policy."

Parrott said he will reintroduce the legislation to ban coed rooms next year.

He added that he is concerned that the housing option could lead to a rise in rapes and distract from the educational experience. He also said the housing option seemed aimed at "a small group of people in the transvestite community" and that "if someone's really uncomfortable, they could have a single room."

Susan Boswell, dean of student life at the Johns Hopkins University, where mixed-gender housing will be offered starting in the fall, said student requests to live with another student of a different gender had previously been evaluated on a case-by-case basis.

Administrators are "becoming more sensitive to the broad range of needs that their students have," she said, and students are becoming more vocal about their housing needs.

"We felt this was something that was being offered widely at many institutions," she said. "We felt we were somewhat behind in not providing this option."

**Though many types of students live in mixed-gender housing, some schools began their programs to address concerns raised by transgender students, who can face harassment or discomfort in a traditional dorm.**

opposite-sex roommates in apartments and suites and not traditional dorm rooms.

Coed arrangements aren't designed for students in romantic relationships, officials said, and students are not assigned to the housing unless they request it.

Though many types of students live in mixed-gender housing, some schools began their programs to address concerns raised by transgender students, who can face harassment or discomfort in a traditional dorm.

"We have students who were bullied to the point of violence in high school," said Katie Boone, the director of residential life at Uni-

## BOOKS

# 'Eyes' looks at SEALs' bravery, controversy

By WAMARA MWINE  
Special to Stars and Stripes

The Navy SEALs are widely regarded as the men who get the job done at all costs. To others, the SEALs represent unimaginable courage. "Eyes on Target: Inside Stories from the Brotherhood of the U.S. Navy SEALs" examines the murky intersection between these extraordinary soldiers, their military leaders and politics, which overshadow the SEALs' accomplishments.

The book also questions President Barack Obama's response to military scenarios.

The Sea, Air and Land (SEAL) program began during the Kennedy administration in 1962. There is a history of missions in which SEALs accomplished the "perfect op," capturing enemy targets without firing a shot. According to "Eyes on Target," SEALs train with 3,500 rounds of ammunition a week. For context, a city police department uses 50 rounds per officer in a year.

SEALs are described in the book as very prepared for dangerous missions and extremely loyal to their fellow soldiers.

"Eyes on Target" brings up some im-

portant questions about these unique fighters. They are trained to be impervious to pain; to float underwater for long periods of time; to not just dodge bullets, but to take them. So is the Navy SEAL training as a Superman to its advantage in a combat scenario? This can be debated. The robust SEAL training, devout brotherhood and hazing of new recruits are examined.

In the book, Richard Minitier and Scott McEwen, both New York Times best-selling authors, retell the story of Operation

Red Wings from June and July of 2005 in Chapter 5. (This story is also covered in the recent movie "Lone Survivor.") Could four SEALs initially take on a large group of dangerous Taliban fighters in a mountainous terrain? From all accounts, they were outnumbered. Letting the Afghan goat herders go promptly revealed the SEALs' location to the larger group of Taliban fighters.

This was a debatable decision by Operation Red Wings SEAL Mike Murphy. It is called, in military terms, the rules of engagement. However, with no else on the battleground, it was Murphy's call, and he could have taken the Afghan spotters out. Murphy is highly regarded in all accounts for his heroic efforts that day, which allowed his superiors to locate his fellow SEALs under heavy fire. With the recon information on their location, how could the rescue mission have gone so wrong?

Years later in Benghazi, Libya, there was a similar gunfight with two former SEALs defending a CIA location. In this case, the authors take the discussion a step further, offering timelines of when and how the information might have reached Washington and what the State Department, CIA and White House could have done differently. There is no doubt that "Eyes on Target" conveys a sense of criticism of the Obama administration.

"Eyes on Target" poses five theoretical rescue scenarios in which troops, not just SEALs, could have saved Tyrone Woods and Glen Doherty, who died in the gun battle at CIA headquarters in Libya on Sept. 11, 2012. A drone option seemed to present

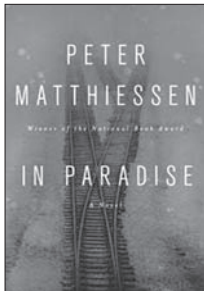
a compelling case that might have saved lives.

The book suggests grave political distance between SEALs on the ground, military leaders and former State Department Secretary Hillary Clinton, CIA Director Leon Panetta and President Obama.

"Eyes on Target" seems to suggest that Panetta and Obama did not communicate enough during the crisis. Having been in the room with President Obama as a White House reporter during his first term, I can only imagine the amount of information that reached his desk.

More information about the authors: Richard Minitier is a moderate conservative who has traveled extensively and has developed an appreciation for other cultures. Scott McEwen's connection with the SEALs began when he co-authored the book "American Sniper." He is active with several SEAL charities, including the Red Circle Foundation.

Wamara Mwine covered the White House for Politics in Color and the National Examiner. He has appeared as guest on XM Radio POTUS 124 to discuss his White House observations. Mwine has also written about Hal Koster's Aleethia Foundation, which hosts the Friday Night Dinners. This is a free dinner hosted four times a month for injured U.S. soldiers returning from Iraq and Afghanistan.



## In Paradise

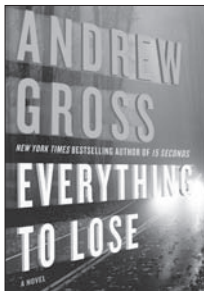
Peter Matthiessen

Toward the end of "In Paradise," Clement Olin, a 55-year-old American academic, takes one last look around the grounds of Auschwitz-Birkenau, where he has been on a two-week retreat with a group of 140, including descendants of both perpetrators and survivors. He imagines the not-too-distant day when the land is reclaimed by commerce and time.

"The last barracks, the last guard post, all that barbed wire and broken brick, will be stripped off and scavenged ... the weather will transform the ash pits into lily ponds, and fresh meadows will be suitable once more for butterflies, wildflowers, children's voices, Sunday strolling, picnics, trysts. ... What will happen to its strange power?"

To capture that "strange power" was the last literary task undertaken by this three-time National Book Award winner (Matthiessen died at 86 on April 5).

— By Marion Winik, Newsday



## Everything to Lose

Andrew Gross

How far would you go to protect your loved ones? What if keeping your special needs child in an expensive, properly caring environment meant having to break the law? Would you do it?

Author Andrew Gross forces readers to grapple with the extremes one must go through to survive in such a situation in his new novel, "Everything to Lose." Hilary Cantor is divorced, and her deadbeat husband doesn't pay her child support. Their son, Brandon, is autistic, and the school he attends is very expensive. Hilary becomes desperate after she loses her job. How will she pay for her child's schooling?

She witnesses a car crash while driving home one afternoon. The car slides down a ravine. Hilary climbs and scratches her way to the car, where she discovers a dead man and a satchel filled with money.

Hilary begins to use just enough to pay her bills. What she should realize is that someone was expecting the money — and will do anything to find it.

— Jeff Ayers/AP



## The Furies

Mark Alpert

Alpert, known for his science-driven thrillers, takes readers on an unexpected journey into dark fantasy with "The Furies."

Imagine a world that co-exists with our own but remains hidden to outsiders. Those who inhabit this realm appear as Amish to people living nearby, but they are beings with a rare genetic disorder. Hundreds of years ago, their abilities terrified others and they were deemed witches. Rather than face persecution, they hid themselves away.

In present day, John Rogers meets a beautiful woman in a bar and strikes up a conversation. They end up in a hotel room together. When they are about to become romantically involved, the door to their room flies open and shots are fired. Ariel is hurt. When John offers to take her to a hospital, Ariel tells him about her hidden life.

Alert as a knack for taking complex theories and making them relatable. This time, the science, while intriguing, takes a back seat to the story.

— Jeff Ayers/AP



## Be Safe I Love You

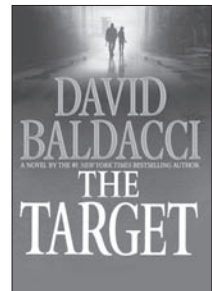
Cara Hoffman

Beautifully written and unflinching in its honesty, Hoffman's provocative second novel offers a window into events we'd prefer to see less clearly. A soldier, Lauren Clay, returns from her tour of duty in Iraq. She struggles to adjust to civilian life. Her family and friends strive for jovial fakery because they cannot bear to consider what she has experienced.

"(T)hey were supposed to pretend, even as they lived in the shadow of the base, and heard reports from places like Fallujah, or read about disastrous brutal homecomings ... that what she did was some angel's work in hell."

Hoffman's haunting first novel "So Much Pretty" — about a young woman who goes missing in a rural town — is a devastating look at violence against women. Disguised as a crime story, it presents the sort of rigorous moral questions that have no easy answers and sear themselves in your memory.

— By Connie Ogle  
The Miami Herald



## The Target

David Baldacci

In Baldacci's latest thriller, master assassins Will Robie and his partner, Jessica Reel, are supposedly given a clean slate by the government on the condition that they take an assignment that is essentially a suicide mission.

Evan Tucker, the head of the CIA, doubts they can follow orders and would prefer to see them die before they follow. However, he throws them into the Burner Box, a high-tech training facility that is notorious for breaking agents, both physically and mentally.

Robie and Reel are complex characters, and anything they do is a pleasure to follow. However, the adventures are extremely short and somewhat disjointed from the rest of the story, making it appear that the missions were short stories that Baldacci shoved in with the rest of the story and characters. That aside, Baldacci knows how to get readers to turn the pages, and he's in top form here.

— Jeff Ayers/AP

## BUSINESS/WEATHER

## Postal workers decry Staples program

By Rik Stevens  
The Associated Press

CONCORD, N.H. — Postal workers in cities big and small protested in front of Staples stores on Thursday, objecting to the U.S. Postal Service's pilot program to open counters in stores, staffed with retail employees.

Rallies were planned at 50 locations in 27 states. In Concord, more than 100 boisterous workers donned bright, blue shirts and lined a busy commercial road near a Staples store.

"Union busting, we say, 'No,' they chanted, 'The Staples deal has got to go.'"

In New York, about 100 workers marched from the main office on Eighth Avenue to a Staples store about five blocks away, carrying signs and chanting, while in Washington, more than 200 people gathered at a Staples, drumming on buckets and holding signs that read: "Stop Staples. The US Mail is Not for Sale."

One of them, postal service maintenance mechanic Robert Black, called the pilot program "a backdoor way of privatizing the post office" and taking away jobs from postal workers.

"It seems as though they are doing whatever they can to break down the union," he said.

Last year, Framingham, Mass.-based Staples Inc. began offering postal services under a pilot program that now includes some 80 stores. The American Postal Workers Union objects, saying well-paid union workers have been replaced by low-wage, non-union workers. A union spokesman said postal workers make \$25 per hour on average, far more than retail clerks. The union also worries the program will lead to post office closures.

John Hegarty, president of the National Postal Mail Handlers Union, which represents about 45,000 mail handlers, said the outsourcing endangers the sanctity and security of the mail.

"We are highly trained, skilled postal employees, and they want to give it to employees who really don't know anything about the mail," he said.

Staples customer Jon Lenzner in Washington agreed that security was a concern.

"While the majority of postal workers are honest, it enlarges the pool of people who can take private, personal information," said Lenzner, a prosecutor. "You have, in essence, doubled the pool of people who can steal your mail."

Mark Dimondstein, president of the American Postal Workers Union, representing 200,000 employees, called the Staples partnership "a dirty deal."

"It represents a shift of good, living-wage jobs to low-wage jobs," Dimondstein said.

Staples spokesman Mark Cautela would not address the workers' concerns, only saying the store is always testing new ways to serve its customers.

The dispute comes as the finan-

cially struggling Postal Service looks to cut costs and to boost revenues.

Postmaster General Patrick Donahoe has said the Staples program has nothing to do with privatization. Rather, it's a "direct response to the changing expectations of customers who demand greater convenience and a one-stop shopping experience." It's also an opportunity "to grow the business," the Postal Service said in a statement Thursday.

## MARKET WATCH

April 24, 2014

Dow Jones industrials	UNCH 61,501.65
Nasdaq composite	+21.37 4,148.34
Standard & Poor's 500	+3.22 1,878.61
Russell 2000	-2.73 1,144.35

## EXCHANGE RATES

Military rates	
Euro costs (April 28)	\$1.4194
Dollar buys (April 28)	69.7045
British pound (April 28)	\$1.72
Japanese yen (April 28)	100.00
South Korean won (April 28)	1,011.00

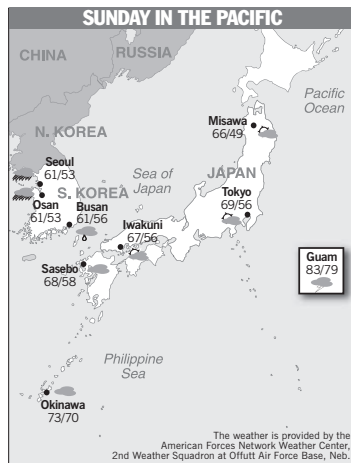
Commercial rates	
Bahrain (Dinar)	0.3770
Brazil (Real)	\$1.6818/0.5946
Canada (Dollar)	1.1029
China (Yuan)	6.2538
Denmark (Krone)	5.3916
Egypt (Pound)	6.9975
Hong Kong (Dollar)	\$1.3845/0.7223
Europe (Euro)	1.7553
Yuro (Forint)	223.85
Israel (Shekel)	3.4725
Japan (Yen)	102.01
Kuwait (Dinar)	0.2810
Norway (Krone)	5.9898
Philippines (Peso)	44.79
Poland (Zloty)	3.304
Saudi Arabia (Riyal)	3.7296
Singapore (Dollar)	1.2558
South Korea (Won)	1,040.39
Switzerland (Franc)	89.05
Thailand (Baht)	32.26
Turkey (New Lira)	2.1337

(Military exchange rates are those available to customers at military banking facilities in the country of issuance for Japan, South Korea, Germany, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom. For nonlocal currency exchange rates (i.e., rates provided for reference when buying currency. All figures are foreign currencies to one dollar, except for the euro, which is represented in dollars-to-pound, and the euro, which is dollars-to-euro.)

## INTEREST RATES

Prime rate	3.25
3-month Treasury bill	0.75
Federal funds market rate	0.10
3-month bill	0.04
30-year bond	3.45

## WEATHER OUTLOOK



## Saturday's US temperatures

City	Hi	Lo	Wthr	City	Hi	Lo	Wthr	City	Hi	Lo	Wthr	City	Hi	Lo	Wthr
Able, Tex	91	67	Cir	Chattanooga	82	45	Cir	Fort Wayne	64	44	PCldy	Louisville	81	48	Cir
Able, Tex	91	67	Cir	Cheney	70	41	Cir	Fresno	68	47	Cir	Lubbock	90	60	Cir
Akron, Ohio	56	42	Cldy	Chicago	54	44	Cldy	Goodland	85	44	PCldy	Macon	85	54	Cir
Albany, N.Y.	62	43	Cldy	Cincinnati	73	47	PCldy	Grand Junction	62	49	Rain	Madison	56	37	PCldy
Albuquerque	73	51	Cldy	Cleveland	55	44	Cldy	Grand Rapids	54	37	PCldy	Medford	60	39	Cldy
Albuquerque	66	43	Cldy	Colorado Springs	69	45	Cir	Great Falls	52	38	Rain	Memphis	83	57	Cir
Amarillo	86	53	Cir	Columbia, S.C.	85	56	Cir	Green Bay	49	36	PCldy	Miami Beach	85	72	Cir
Anchorage	52	35	PCldy	Columbus, Ga.	83	57	Cir	Greensboro, N.C.	79	50	Cir	Midland-Odessa	94	66	Cir
Anchorage	52	35	PCldy	Columbus, Ohio	69	45	Cir	Hartford	69	46	Cir	Minneapolis	45	39	Cir
Atlanta	81	54	Cir	Concord, N.H.	48	38	Rain	Hartford Spgfld	54	37	Cldy	Miss-St Paul	56	36	Cldy
Atlantic City	85	51	PCldy	Corpus Christi	88	71	Cir	Helena	55	37	Rain	Missoula	53	35	Rain
Atlanta	81	54	Cir	Dallas-Ft. Worth	85	64	Cldy	Honolulu	85	71	Cir	Mobile	63	40	Cir
Baltimore	72	49	PCldy	Dayton	69	45	Cir	Houston	85	63	PCldy	Montgomery	85	54	Cir
Baltimore	72	49	PCldy	Daytona Beach	84	62	PCldy	Huntsville	84	49	Cir	Nashville	83	49	Cir
Billings	58	41	Rain	Denver	76	47	Cir	Indianapolis	71	49	PCldy	New Orleans	83	65	PCldy
Birmingham	83	50	Cir	Des Moines	72	47	Cir	Jackson, Miss.	87	52	Cir	New York City	68	46	Cir
Birmingham	83	50	Cir	Detroit	56	42	PCldy	Jacksonville	84	60	PCldy	Newark	68	47	Cir
Boise	54	39	Cldy	Duluth	40	28	PCldy	Juneau	59	35	Cir	Norfolk, Va.	75	57	Cir
Boston	46	44	Cir	El Paso	85	64	Cir	Kansas City	81	56	Cir	Northlake	87	60	Cir
Boston	46	44	Cir	Elkins	67	41	Cir	Key West	74	PCldy	Okla. City	87	60	Cir	
Brownsville	88	73	PCldy	Erie	51	40	Cir	Knoxville	80	46	Cir	Omaha	78	50	Cir
Buffalo	61	41	Cir	Evansville	56	36	Cir	Lake Charles	81	64	Cir	Orlando	89	65	PCldy
Burlington, Vt.	52	31	Cir	Fairbanks	55	33	PCldy	Lansing	65	57	Cir	Paducah	81	51	PCldy
Burlington, Maine	49	34	Cir	Fargo	54	36	Cir	Las Vegas	80	46	Cir	Pendleton	59	37	Cir
Casper	83	60	Cir	Flagstaff	40	35	Snow	Lincoln	80	50	PCldy	Philadelphia	70	49	Cir
Charleston, S.C.	83	60	Cir	Flint	52	39	PCldy	Little Rock	85	54	PCldy	Phoenix	74	47	Cir
Charleston, W.Va.	76	54	PCldy	Fort Smith	84	54	PCldy	Los Angeles	68	54	PCldy	Pittsburgh	65	44	Cir

National temperature extremes

Hi: 118, 98, Del. Texas, and Uvalde

Lo: -14, 11, Brice Canyon, Utah

The weather is provided by the American Forces Network Weather Center, 2nd Weather Squadron at Offutt Air Force Base, Neb.

National temperature extremes  
Hi: Thu., 98, Del Rio, Texas, and Uvalde, Texas  
Lo: Thu., 14, Bryce Canyon, Utah



## NATION



PHOTOS BY UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI SCHOOL OF PHARMACY/MCT

Marijuana plants grow at the University of Mississippi in Oxford, which provides the nation's only truly legal supply of marijuana. Last year, the National Institute on Drug Abuse paid the university nearly \$847,000 to produce and distribute the drug, which is used mainly for research. Below, a researcher examines a marijuana seedling.

# UP IN SMOKE?

## Feds accused of steering funding to anti-pot research

By ROB HOTAKAINEN  
McClatchy Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — As the nation's only truly legal supplier of marijuana, the U.S. government keeps tight control of its stash, which is grown in a 12-acre fenced garden on the campus of the University of Mississippi in Oxford.

From there, part of the crop is shipped to Research Triangle Institute in North Carolina, where it's rolled into cigarettes, all at taxpayer expense.

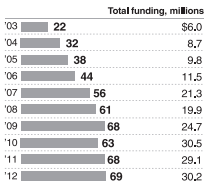
Even though Congress has long banned marijuana, the operation is legitimate. It's run by the National Institute on Drug Abuse, part of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, which does out the pot for federally approved research projects.

While U.S. officials defend their monopoly, critics say the government is hogging all the pot and giving it mainly to researchers who want to find harms linked to the drug.

U.S. officials say the federal government must be the sole supplier of legal marijuana in order to comply with a 1961 international drug-control treaty. But they admit they've done relatively

### Federal grants to study pot

The number of marijuana-related grants funded by the National Institute on Drug Abuse, the nation's only legal pot supplier:



SOURCE: National Institute on Drug Abuse

JOY TROUBLE/MCT

little to fund pot research projects looking for marijuana's benefits, following their mandate to focus on abuse and addiction.

"We've been studying marijuana since our inception. Of course, the large majority of that research has been on the deleterious effects, the harmful effects, on cognition, behavior and so forth," said Steven Gust, special

assistant to the director at the National Institute on Drug Abuse, which was created in 1974.

With polls showing a majority of Americans supporting legalization, pot backers say the government should take a more evenhanded approach. The National Institute on Drug Abuse and the White House drug czar have become favorite targets to accuse of bias, with both prohibited by Congress from spending money to do anything to promote legalization.

Some critics hope the situation will change since federal officials recently approved a University of Arizona proposal that will let researchers try to determine whether smoking or vaporizing marijuana could help veterans with post-traumatic stress disorder. The researchers got the green light to provide the equivalent of two joints per day for 50 veterans.

It was a long time coming. Suzanne Sisley, clinical assistant professor of internal medicine and psychiatry at the University of Arizona's medical school, said the Health and Human Services Department waited more than three years to approve the project after it was



first sanctioned by the Food and Drug Administration. She said the extra federal review should be scrapped and that approval by the FDA should be sufficient for a study to proceed.

"Nobody could explain it — it's indefensible," she said in an interview. "The only thing we can assume is that it is politics trumping science."

After the long delay, Sisley said she's excited to get started on the project, after receiving the marijuana from the National Institute on Drug Abuse. She said pressure by veterans helped get the project approved.

Dan Riffe, director of federal policies for the Marijuana Policy Project, a pro-legalization group, said President Barack Obama should end the National Institute on Drug Abuse's monopoly and

remove all other research barriers. The legalization of marijuana "is inevitable" and more studies are needed, he said.

"That is exactly why federal law and policies shouldn't tie the hands of scientists by favoring certain kinds of research over others," Riffe said.

The national institute's Gust said the federal government is open to the idea of looking for more medical applications for marijuana and that it's a "red herring" to say that his agency is blocking research.

"This is an untruth that's been put out there by certain groups, and quite frankly I wonder if it's not having the perverse effect of actually decreasing the amount of applications and interest in research," Gust said.

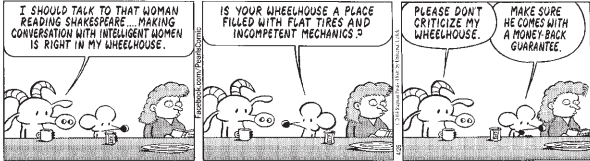
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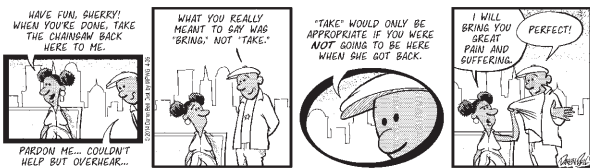
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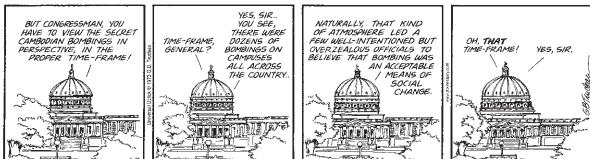
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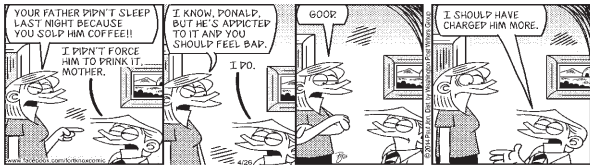
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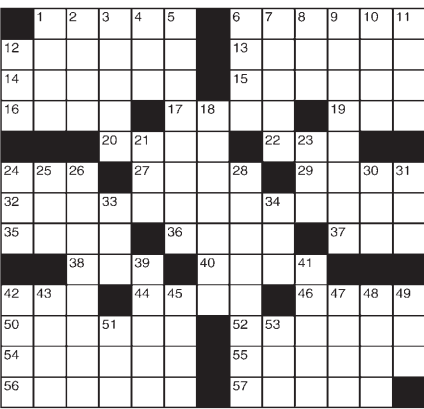
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# Eugene Sheffer Crossword



## ACROSS

- Discard
- Discussed, with "over"
- Sweet Spanish wine
- Texas city
- Wild ass
- Comic Booster
- Terrier variety
- Scandinavian metropolis
- Director Craven
- Florida county
- Abbott's first baseman
- Sternward
- Unuttered "Alas"
- Jason's ship
- "Sesame Street" figure
- Cube maker Rubik
- Sample
- Attention-getting call
- Scatter
- Information
- "The Simpsons" storekeeper
- Gospels' follow-up
- Rhyming tributes
- Illusion
- Pressed sandwich
- Unwrapped
- Togetherness
- Dwell
- Arrow grooves

## DOWN

- Succumb to quicksand
- Sculpture medium
- Stormed
- Time of your life?
- Spoofer
- Sock part
- Let
- Masseur's workplace
- Rita who played Gilda
- A slave to crosswords?
- Accomplishes
- Calendar pp., often
- Piece
- "Lay Dying"
- Owens
- Expert
- Supporting
- Monks' shaven crowns
- Folksy
- "Holy cow!"
- Suffix with audit
- "Kitchy. —!"
- Present
- Carried on
- Video game hedgehog
- Cupid's specialty
- Meerschaum, for one
- Reinquish
- Frisbee, e.g.
- Grandson of Eve
- Sermon subject
- Blackbird
- Year, in Uruguay

## Answer to Previous Puzzle



4-26

## CRYPTOQUIP

AINW KR OUW KUTNC BIN  
SZCLU YUWBQUF BU ISTN  
TNQR FLBBFN HSOO, L YQLNC

"RUZ'QN LW BQNHFN WUA!"  
Yesterday's Cryptoquip: That MALLARD KEEPS GIVING COMPLETELY EVASIVE ANSWERS. WHY WON'T IT QUIT DUCKING THE QUESTION?  
Today's Cryptoquip Clue: R equals Y



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# AUTO RACING

## Around the track

### SPRINT CUP

**This week:** Toyota Owners 400 at Richmond, Va.

**TV:** Delayed, AFN-Xtra, noon Sunday CET.

**Track:** Richmond International Raceway (oval, 0.75 miles).

**Race distance:** 300 miles, 400 laps.

**Last year:** Kevin Harvick drove from seventh to first in a two-lap overtime sprint to the finish. Clint Bowyer was second.

**Last race:** Harvick won the Southern 500 on April 12 at Darlington to become the first repeat winner this season. Dale Earnhardt Jr. finished second.

**Fast fact:** Richard Petty won a record 13 times at the track.

**Next race:** Aaron's 499, May 4, Talladega Superspeedway, Talladega, Ala.

**Online:** nascar.com

— Capsules by the Associated Press

### Driver standings

1. Jeff Gordon	297
2. Matt Kenseth	296
3. Carl Edwards	278
4. Dale Earnhardt Jr.	271
5. Jimmie Johnson	270
6. Kyle Busch	269
7. Brad Keselowski	246
8. Joey Logano	245
9. Ryan Newman	236
10. Austin Dillon	235
11. Greg Biffle	227
12. Tony Stewart	224
13. Brian Vickers	224
14. Kyle Larson	223
15. Denny Hamlin	223
16. Clint Bowyer	219
17. Marcos Ambrose	216
18. Paul Menard	206
19. AJ Allmendinger	202
20. Jamie McMurray	195

### Driver to watch

No active driver has had quite the success at Richmond that **Kyle Busch** has enjoyed.

That's because Busch has won four times at the track. He's also had 12 top-five finishes and 13 top-10 finishes, which means when he doesn't win he's usually not far behind. His average running position grades out to 7.8, and his driver rating of 111.9 at Richmond is second only to Denny Hamlin.

Busch has already won a race this year, which means he's automatically qualified for the Chase for the Championship and can turn it loose.



### NATIONWIDE SERIES

**This week:** ToyotaCare 250 at Richmond, Va.

**TV:** Delayed, AFN-Xtra, 9 a.m. Saturday CET.

**Track:** Richmond International Raceway (oval, 0.75 miles).

**Race distance:** 300 miles, 400 laps.

**Last year:** Brad Keselowski took the lead from Kyle Busch with 10 laps to go and held off Kevin Harvick.

**Last race:** Chase Elliott won at Darlington on April 11.

**Online:** nascar.com

### CAMPING WORLD TRUCK

**Next race:** SFP 250, May 9, Kansas Speedway, Kansas City, Mo.

**Last race:** Matt Crafton won at Martinsville on March 30.

**Online:** nascar.com

### NHRA MELLO YELLO DRAG RACING

**This week:** NHRA Spring Nationals at Baytown, Texas.

**TV:** Delayed, AFN-Sports, 9 a.m. Tuesday CET; 4 p.m. Tuesday JKT.

**Track:** Royal Purple Raceway.

**Last year:** Cruz Pedregon won in Funny Car. Bob Vandergriff Jr. won in Top Fuel. Jason Line topped the Pro Stock field, and Hector Arana Jr. won in Pro Stock Motorcycle.

**Last event:** Robert Hight won the Four-Wheel Nationals in Concord, N.C., on April 13 in Funny Car. Other winners were Anton Brown (Top Fuel), Jimmy Alund (Pro Stock) and Andrew Hines (Pro Stock Motorcycle).

**Online:** nhra.com

### VERIZON INDYCAR

**This week:** Grand Prix of Alabama at Birmingham, Ala.

**TV:** Delayed, AFN-Xtra, 9 a.m. Monday CET.

**Track:** Barber Motorsports Park (road course, 2.38 miles).

**Race distance:** 214.2 miles, 90 laps.

**Last year:** Andretti Autosport's Ryan Hunter-Reay raced to the first of his two 2013 victories.

**Last race:** Ed Carpenter Racing's Mike Conway won at Long Beach on April 13, taking the lead when Dixon stopped for fuel two laps from the finish.

**Online:** indycar.com

### FORMULA ONE

**Next race:** Spanish Grand Prix, May 11, Circuit de Catalunya, Barcelona, Spain.

**Last week:** Mercedes' Lewis Hamilton won the Chinese Grand Prix for his third straight victory.

**Online:** formula1.com

### OTHER RACES

#### WORLD OF OUTLAWS

**Sprint Car:** Friday, Salina Highbanks Speedway, Salina, Okla.; Saturday, Federated Auto Parts Raceway at I-55, Pevely, Mo.; Late Model: Saturday, Farmer City Raceway, Farmer City, Ill.; Super DirtCar: Saturday, Fulton Speedway, Fulton, N.Y. **Online:** worldoutlaws.com

#### ARCA RACING SERIES

**Sprint Car:** Federated Auto Parts 200, Sunday, Salem Speedway, Salem, Ind. **Online:** arcacracing.com



BRANDON WADE, FORT WORTH STAR-TELEGRAM/MCT

Kevin Harvick's pit crew races to change tires and refuel their car during the Nationwide Series race at Texas Motor Speedway on April 4.

# Chasing consistency

## Harvick looking for balance after two early victories

BY RANDY COVITZ  
The Kansas City Star

He may be 22nd in the NASCAR Sprint Cup points standings, but no one is in better shape than Kevin Harvick.

In the new, win-and-you're-in format for the Chase for the Sprint Cup, Harvick is the only driver with two victories this season, one of them in the most recent race, the Southern 500 at Darlington, S.C.

But Harvick, in his first season with Stewart-Haas Racing, and crew chief Rodney Childers are looking for consistency when the season resumes Saturday night at Richmond International Raceway in Virginia.

In Harvick's two wins this year, he dominated. At Phoenix, he led 224 of the 312 laps, and at Darlington, he led 238 of the 374 laps. But mechanical issues have contributed to four finishes of 36th or worse.

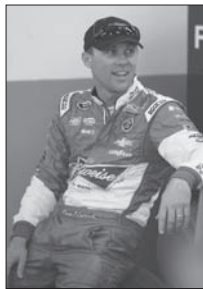
That's why Childers isn't satisfied, even though the No. 4 Chevrolet team is all but assured of a spot in the Chase.

"Anybody that knows me, if we're not the fastest car in practice, I'm not happy," Childers said. "And if we don't sit on the pole, I'm not happy. And if we don't win the race, I'm not happy."

"We've just got to keep working to make our team better, and I think the way we've got to make our team better is to keep bringing good cars and keeping trying to win races."

NASCAR Hall of Famer and Fox analyst Darrell Waltrip has been impressed with Harvick's start to the season.

"They're almost in a league of their own," Waltrip said. "Any



JEFF SILER, CHARLOTTE OBSERVER/MCT

**NASCAR driver Kevin Harvick has won two Sprint Cup races this season, but mechanical issues have contributed to four finishes of 36th or worse.**

team will tell you how fast that No. 4 car is, whether in a race or a test. Although they've had mechanical issues, they've shown incredible speed. Harvick and Rodney Childers are the perfect couple right now. I think Harvick is on a mission to prove he made the right move by leaving Richard Childress Racing, and his team is focused and committed."

Harvick, 38, has as good a chance as anyone to win his third race of the season on Saturday. He has won two of the last five races at Richmond, including last spring's event.

"I grew up racing on a lot of really flat racetracks, and Richmond is one of those tracks where the tires wear out a lot and it's very line-sensitive," said Harvick, who took part in a Good-

**'Although they've had mechanical issues, they've shown incredible speed.'**

Darrell Waltrip  
NASCAR Hall of Famer

year tire test last week at Kansas Speedway and won last fall's race at the track. "It's just a track that really fits my driving style."

"I always feel, going back to Richmond, that we should run well all night and have a chance to win the race. So, my expectations aren't anything less than that."

In last year's spring race, it appeared Juan Pablo Montoya was on his way to earning his first win on an oval until a caution came with four laps remaining. Harvick decided to pit for fresh tires with Montoya and the other leaders, while three others elected to stay out.

When the race went green for the final restart, Harvick was able to plow through traffic, driving from seventh to Victory Lane ahead of Clint Bowyer for his third career win at Richmond.

"There were a lot of guys gambling. Tires were everything at the end. ... It looked like we were in two different ZIP codes as far as speed, just for the fact that when my four tires took off ... it looked like I was shot out of a cannon. The biggest thing I learned was that if it comes down to that situation again, I'm coming to pit road to put four tires on it."

MLB

AL roundup

# Scherzer, Cabrera lift Tigers

The Associated Press

**DETROIT** — Miguel Cabrera drove in three runs and Max Scherzer struck out 10 as the Detroit Tigers beat the Chicago White Sox 7-4 Thursday.

Cabrera hit a pair of two-out singles for his RBIs. Rajai Davis homered, doubled, singled and drove in two runs.

"I'm just trying to hit the ball into a hole," Cabrera said. "You have to be able to use the bat to hit the pitch where they give you room."

Scherzer (2-1) allowed two runs in six innings.

"There's a reason he's the Cy Young winner," said Adam Dunn, who homered off Scherzer. "You go against (Justin) Verlander one night and then you have to go against Scherzer, and they are both just so tough. They have so many pitches that they can throw for strikes that they are always in trouble against them."

Joe Nathan pitched the ninth for his fourth save in six tries. He got the final two outs on a strikeout where Jose Abreu was caught interfering with catcher Bryan Holaday's throw to second base on a stolen-base attempt.

Jose Quintana (1-1) allowed three runs in six innings.

**Twins 9, Rays 7:** Aaron Hicks hit a three-run homer and Kurt



CARLOS OSORIO/AP

**Max Scherzer struck out 10 in the Detroit Tigers' 7-4 victory over the visiting Chicago White Sox on Thursday.**

Suzuki drove in three runs as visiting Minnesota beat Tampa Bay.

**Indians 5, Royals 1:** Corey Kluber (2-2) struck out a career-high 11 and pitched a four-hitter for his first complete game, and David Murphy and Asdrubal Cabrera drove in two runs apiece, leading host Cleveland over Kansas City.

**Yankees 14, Red Sox 5:** Yangervis Solarte drove in four runs, Mark Teixeira hit his first homer of the season and host New York capitalized on five Boston errors.

**Orioles 11, Blue Jays 4:** Chris Davis had two hits and three RBIs, Jonathan Schoop homered and visiting Baltimore pounded Toronto.

**Athletics 10, Astros 1:** Josh Donaldson hit a pair of two-run homers to help visiting Oakland cruise to a victory over Houston. It was the first career multi-homer game for Donaldson, who connected in the first inning and pushed the lead to 10-1 with a second shot in the seventh.

NL roundup

# Ludwick, Reds hit back in victory over Pirates

The Associated Press

**PITTSBURGH** — Ryan Ludwick led a two-run double after two Cincinnati batters were hit by pitches, lifting Tony Cingrani and the Reds over the Pittsburgh Pirates 2-1 Thursday.

The Reds won for the seventh time in nine games and reached .500 (11-11).

The Pirates have lost six of seven, scoring a total of 22 runs in that span.

Cingrani (2-2) allowed one run and six hits in six innings. He struck out seven and walked two.

Ludwick's double in the sixth drove in Joey Votto and Todd Frazier. Both of them were plunked by rookie Brandon Cumpton (0-1), who was promoted from Triple-A earlier in the day.

**Mets 4, Cardinals 1:** Chris Young homered to start host New York's comeback and slumping Curtis Granderson singled in a

## 5 reasons it's hard to enforce Rule 8.02(b)

Michael Pineda was suspended for 10 games for having a glob of pine tar on his neck to rub on his hands to grip the ball on a chilly night. Here are five reasons it's not easy to crack down on pitchers willing to bend Rule 8.02(b), which bars them from having "any foreign substance" in their possession or on their body during a game:

**1 It's easy to get:** Saliva, soap, Vaseline ... and yes, pine tar ... are all readily available.

Pine tar is legal in baseball, but only for hitters. According to the game's official rules, the bat handle can be covered with any material to improve a hitter's grip — as long as the substance doesn't extend past 18 inches.

**2 Inference in the league:** Pine tar has rarely caused much of a stir unless its use is unusually blatant. Pineda was spotted with a brown goopy substance on his right hand in a game against the Red Sox on April 10. It was only after he took the mound Wednesday with an odd-looking streak on his neck — again against Boston — that the Red Sox asked an umpire to check him.

Detroit Tigers manager Brad Ausmus, a former catcher, said Thursday: "I do think pitchers using pine tar isn't as big a deal as it's being made out to be. It's more about getting a edge."

**3 It's easy to hide:** Aside from constant, airport-style searches by umpires, it's hard to think of a foolproof way to prevent doctoring the ball.

In 1987, Philadelphia pitcher Kevin Gross was suspended 10 days after he was caught with sandpaper in his glove. That same year, Minnesota's Joe Niekro got 10 days for carrying an emery board and sandpaper in his pocket. But instances like that are rare — even with all the cameras at major league games now, hiding a tiny object used to scuff the ball wouldn't be impossible.

**4 Sticky situations arise in other sports, too:** Baseball players aren't the only ones willing to go to creative lengths to get a grip.

England cricket captain Mike Atherton was caught on television using dirt soil from his pocket to rub into the ball during a 1994 international between England and South Africa. He was fined and insisted he had been using the soil to dry his hands on a humid day, but acknowledged he had not admitted to having soil in his pocket when questioned by a referee.

Several international teams have also admitted to using candy to change the ball. Fielders suck on sugary candy and rub the saliva into the ball, creating a smooth and shiny surface. A shiny-scuffed ball would not behave the same as an unscrubbed ball and in theory be harder for the batters to hit.

**5 There's a slight risk, and big reward:** Pitchers — and batters, too — have been trying to get an edge for decades, but in terms of long suspensions and public shame, doctoring a ball or corking a bat doesn't seem to resonate in the same way as the use of performance-enhancing drugs. Some pitchers may still feel they have little to lose by trying an illegal substance on the mound. Pineda was suspended for 10 games while drug suspensions can be far longer.

— Noah Mstrer

The Associated Press

# Pine tar: Use of substances on ball is 'common knowledge'

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Padres manager Bud Black said it's "common knowledge among baseball people" that "there are pitchers — and probably more than you would think — that use some sort of substance to gain tack on your fingers, because at times it is needed, based on weather conditions, based on the personal preference of a pitcher."

Black, who pitched in the majors from 1981-95, noted it usually would be "some minimal amount of pine tar that maybe really doesn't overly affect the outcome of a game."

The sticky stuff is used by hitters, legally, to help make sure bats don't slip out of their hands. Pitchers, however, illegally, for better holds on a ball, especially when cold weather makes it slick.

"And the option is this: I either get a grip on the ball or I'm hitting someone in the neck because I haven't got a grip on it. And if you're the hitters, they'd say, 'Get a grip on it.' You've still got to make pitches," New York Mets manager Terry Collins said.

Pineda admitted that he used the pine tar to help him grip the ball on a cool, windy night. He said the penalty that he won't appeal the penalty that will cost him two starts.

"I accept it," Pineda said before Thursday's game against the Red Sox at Fenway Park. "I know I made a mistake."

Pineda's ejection set off a debate in the baseball world about pitchers who try pine tar, and whether it should be allowed in certain circumstances. Many former aces said they had done it, albeit in a more discreet manner.

"I've seen a lot of things in my career, so I'm not sure I'm being viewed as part of baseball," said Joe Girardi, a former catcher in his seventh year as Yankees manager.

Rule 8.02(b) prohibits pitchers from altering the ball to gain an unfair advantage, and forbids them from having a foreign substance on them or in their possession on the mound.

"I wouldn't be against coming up with an idea" to modify the rule so pitchers could get a better grip on the ball in cold weather, Girardi said. "I think it's a great time for someone to start looking at" finding one substance pitchers would be allowed to use.

Earlier this month, Pineda pitched well in a 4-1 win over the Red Sox at Yankee Stadium. Television cameras showed a substance on his hand in the fourth inning. Pineda said it was dirt, not pine tar. His hand was clean in the fifth and Red Sox manager John Farrell didn't ask for him to be checked.

Among other suspensions of pitchers for pine tar in the past decade, Tampa Bay's Jose Peralta was penalized eight games in 2012, the Angels' Brendan Donnelly 10 days in 2005 and St. Louis' Julian Tavarez 10 days in 2004. The suspensions of Donnelly and Tavarez were cut to eight days after they asked the players' association to appeal, and Peralta

dropped his challenge with no reduction.

Red Sox catcher A.J. Pierzynski understood why Pineda used the pine tar.

"I don't have a problem with guys that do it," he said. "I know as a hitter, I want to get in there and know the guy has a grip."

"Put it on your hat, put it on your pants, your belt, put it on your glove, whatever you have to do. You just can't do it that blatantly. That was what the biggest issue was. No one has an issue with him doing it. It's just more of the fact that it's so blatant."

Collins also was caught off guard by the blatant nature of Pineda's offense.

"You've got to be a little bit discreet," he said. "You can't just, like, walk out with a pine tar bottle. I was a little surprised when I saw the replay last night that that was quite as evident as that. But you could check every pitcher. I'm sure there would be a lot of guys that would have something."

Indeed, that's makes skippers wary of being too eager to accuse opposing pitchers of using pine tar.

That line of thinking goes: Once I make the umpires check

**"No one has an issue with (Pineda) doing it. It's just more of the fact that it's so blatant."**

A.J. Pierzynski  
Red Sox catcher

your pitcher, you're going to tell them to check my pitcher. No matter, no pitching coach, no group of pitchers wants to be checked on all the time, because there's going to be a lot more people found guilty," Tampa Bay Rays manager Joe Maddon said.

San Diego's Black mentioned that some catchers apply pine tar to their shin guards so they can use it to help get better grips when they need to try to throw out a potential base stealer, for example.

Padres pitching coach Darren Balsey said players haven't asked him how to scuff a baseball or use pine tar.

But if one did, he said, "I would try to teach him how to use a rosin bag."

"For some reason, the rosin bag is a lost art," Balsey said. "Guys don't know how to use rosin the way they used to, so perhaps they're finding something different to use."

Maddon thinks pitchers' use of pine tar could be allowed one day.

"I do believe you're going to see some kind of remarks or issuance regarding how to deal with this in the future, more of a legalization of it," he said. "It's got to be legalized at some point."

Storén's not so sure that's a good idea, saying: "It's kind of a can of worms if you say, 'OK, now you can doctor the baseball.'"



# MLB SCOREBOARD/BRIEFS

## American League

East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	13	9	.591	
Baltimore	12	10	.545	1 1/2
Toronto	11	11	.500	2
Washington	10	12	.455	2 1/2
Boston	10	13	.435	3 1/2

Central Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Detroit	10	10	.500	
Minnesota	11	10	.524	
Cleveland	11	10	.519	
Chicago	11	12	.476	1 1/2
Kansas City	10	12	.455	2

West Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Oakland	14	8	.636	
Texas	14	8	.636	
Los Angeles	10	11	.476	3 1/2
Seattle	11	13	.455	4 1/2
Houston	7	16	.304	7 1/2

## National League

East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	12	10	.545	2 1/2
New York	11	11	.500	3
Philadelphia	11	11	.500	3
Pittsburgh	10	12	.455	4 1/2

Central Division	W	L	Pct	GB
St. Louis	15	6	.727	
Milwaukee	11	11	.500	3 1/2
Cincinnati	11	11	.500	3 1/2
Chicago	10	12	.455	4 1/2

West Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	13	10	.565	
San Diego	12	11	.519	
Colorado	12	11	.519	
San Diego	11	12	.476	1 1/2
Pittsburgh	10	13	.435	2 1/2

Wednesday's games	W	L	Pct	GB
Texas 3, Oakland 0				
Seattle 5, Houston 3				
Cleveland 5, Kansas City 3				
Washington 5, L.A. Angels 4				

Thursday's games	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago White Sox 6, Detroit 4				
Minnesota 5, Tampa Bay 4				
Los Angeles 12, San Diego 1				
Atlanta 3, Miami 1				

Friday's games	W	L	Pct	GB
San Francisco 12, Colorado 10				
St. Louis 5, Pittsburgh 3				
N.Y. Mets 5, St. Louis 2				
Milwaukee 5, Detroit 2				
L.A. Dodgers 5, Philadelphia 2				

Saturday's games	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland 5, Kansas City 3				
Chicago White Sox 4, Tampa Bay 3				
Los Angeles 12, San Diego 1				
Atlanta 3, Miami 1				

Sunday's games	W	L	Pct	GB
San Francisco 12, Colorado 10				
St. Louis 5, Pittsburgh 3				
N.Y. Mets 5, St. Louis 2				
Milwaukee 5, Detroit 2				
L.A. Dodgers 5, Philadelphia 2				

Monday's games	W	L	Pct	GB
Kansas City at Baltimore				
San Diego at N.Y. Yankees				
Boston at Toronto				
Atlanta at Minnesota				

Tuesday's games	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland at Houston				
Tampa Bay at Chicago White Sox				
Los Angeles at Washington				
San Francisco at N.Y. Mets				

Wednesday's games	W	L	Pct	GB
Cincinnati at Atlanta				
Los Angeles at Milwaukee				
Pittsburgh at St. Louis				
Philadelphia at Arizona				

Thursday's games	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland at San Francisco				
Los Angeles at Houston				
San Francisco at San Francisco				
Los Angeles at Houston				

Friday's games	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles (H) at San Francisco				
San Francisco (A) at Los Angeles				
Los Angeles (H) at San Francisco				
San Francisco (A) at Los Angeles				

Saturday's games	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles (H) at San Francisco				
San Francisco (A) at Los Angeles				
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San Francisco (A) at Los Angeles				

Sunday's games	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles (H) at San Francisco				
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Los Angeles (H) at San Francisco				
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Los Angeles (H) at San Francisco				
San Francisco (A) at Los Angeles				

## Thursday

### Indians 5, Royals 1

Kansas City	AB	R	H	E	LOB
Aoki Jr.	4	0	0	0	0
Alfonso Soriano	4	0	0	0	0
Butler	4	0	0	0	0
Adrian Beltrán	4	0	0	0	0
Alfonso Soriano	4	0	0	0	0
Moskos	3	0	0	0	0
Alfonso Soriano	3	0	0	0	0
Dyson	3	0	0	0	0
Hawes	3	0	0	0	0
Totals	31	1	4	0	25

Cleveland	AB	R	H	E	LOB
Swisher	4	0	0	0	0
Swisher	4	0	0	0	0
Swisher	4	0	0	0	0
Swisher	4	0	0	0	0
Totals	16	0	0	0	0

Kansas City	AB	R	H	E	LOB
B.Chen	1	0	0	0	0
Manot	3	0	0	0	0
Manot	3	0	0	0	0
Manot	3	0	0	0	0
Totals	7	0	0	0	0

Indians	AB	R	H	E	LOB
Swisher	4	0	0	0	0
Swisher	4	0	0	0	0
Swisher	4	0	0	0	0
Swisher	4	0	0	0	0
Totals	16	0	0	0	0

## Tigers 7, White Sox 4

Chicago	AB	R	H	E	LOB
J.Rodriguez	5	0	0	0	0
Seimie	3	0	0	0	0
Alfonso Soriano	4	0	0	0	0
Alfonso Soriano	4	0	0	0	0
Viciedo Jr.	4	0	0	0	0
Alfonso Soriano	4	0	0	0	0
Alfonso Soriano	4	0	0	0	0
Alfonso Soriano	4	0	0	0	0
Totals	36	4	11	3	23

White Sox	AB	R	H	E	LOB
Holaday	4	0	0	0	0
Holaday	4	0	0	0	0
Holaday	4	0	0	0	0
Holaday	4	0	0	0	0
Totals	16	0	0	0	0

Chicago	AB	R	H	E	LOB
Quintana	4	0	0	0	0
Quintana	4	0	0	0	0
Quintana	4	0	0	0	0
Quintana	4	0	0	0	0
Totals	16	0	0	0	0

White Sox	AB	R	H	E	LOB
Quintana	4	0	0	0	0
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Quintana	4	0	0	0	0
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Totals	16	0	0	0	0

White Sox	AB	R	H	E	LOB
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Totals	16	0	0	0	0

White Sox	AB	R	H	E	LOB
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White Sox	AB	R	H	E	LOB
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Totals	16	0	0	0	0

White Sox	AB	R	H	E	LOB
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Quintana	4	0	0	0	0
Quintana	4	0	0	0	0
Totals	16	0	0	0	0

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2	2	2	McCarr lf	3	0	1	0
1	2	3	Bautist rf	4	0	1	1
1	2	3	Encrnc lb	2	0	1	0
0	2	2	Navarr c	4	1	1	1
0	1	0	Encsc dh	2	1	1	0

## COLLEGE SPORTS/SPORTS BRIEFS



CHARLES REX ARBOGAST/AP

Northwestern football player Dan Vitale looks back at reporters and photographers as he walks into McGraw Hall, where voting took place on whether to form the nation's first union for college athletes.

# Players vote on unionization

By MICHAEL TARM  
The Associated Press

EVANSTON, Ill. — Northwestern football players cast secret ballots Friday in an on-campus hall adjacent to their home stadium on whether to form the nation's first union for college athletes.

Just don't expect results any time soon.

After the vote, the ballot boxes will be sealed for weeks or months — perhaps even years — as an appeal by the Evanston-based university runs its course.

The full National Labor Relations Board agreed Thursday to hear the school's appeal of a regional director's March ruling

that the players are employees and as such can unionize, triggering a rule that the ballots be impounded.

Last month's decision by the Chicago-area head of the NLRB, Peter Ohr, sent shockwaves through the world of college sports, prompting sharp criticism from Northwestern and college athletic departments nationwide.

There have been no raucous rallies or demonstrations on the 19,000-student campus just north of Chicago, only official notices about the vote posted near the Wildcats' locker room. There has been plenty of lobbying in the form of private meetings, calls and emails, and everyone from coach Pat Fitzgerald to NCAA

President Mark Emmert has called for a "no" vote.

The 76 scholarship football players eligible to cast ballots know the spotlight is on them, said Ramogi Huma, president of the College Athletes Players Association, which would represent the players at the bargaining table if the pro-union side prevails.

Some of the pressure they feel stems from dire Northwestern claims about the consequences of unionization, he said.

"They're looking at anything and everything to invoke fear in the players," said Huma, a former UCLA linebacker and a longtime critic of the NCAA. "We feel like some of the tactics are scare tactics."

# Changes proposed to NCAA governance

The Associated Press

Highlights from the proposal to change the NCAA's governance structure, which was endorsed Thursday by the NCAA's board of directors. A formal vote is not expected until the board's quarterly meeting in August.

■ The five biggest football conferences — the ACC, Big 12, Big Ten, Pac-12 and SEC — would gain more autonomy over a number of key areas, including funding scholarships up to the full cost-of-attendance (money beyond tuition, room and board, books and fees) and additional academic and career counseling. Approval would require two-thirds of the 65 schools in those conferences. Nothing like this exists under the current NCAA structure. The board is still trying to determine if other conferences how, or if, smaller leagues will be allowed to implement measures passed under the "automatic" proposal.

■ All 32 Division I conferences would have a say in any

legislative matters not deemed "autonomous." These areas would champion administration and policy, oversight of membership standards, proposals that require consideration by all conferences and management of sports or topic-specific studies intended to formulate recommendations for action by the council. Voting rights would be delegated by the new board to a newly-created council and would include two athlete representatives. The voting would be weighted, with the five conferences and their schools accounting for 38 to 40 percent of the vote.

■ The board would continue to have 17 presidents or chancellors as members but would add an athletic director, faculty athletics representative, senior women's administrator and an athlete to the voting bloc. The possibility of adding voices from outside college campuses has been discussed but is not part of the current proposal.

■ The Legislative and Leader-

ship Councils would be replaced by one council comprised of 38 athletic directors, faculty athletics representative, senior women's administrators or conference commissioners, one representing each Division I league, and two athletes with voting privileges. The recommendation is that 60 percent of the school leaders be athletic directors.

■ The NCAA would reduce the large number of current subcommittees to three: One focused on academics, one on competition and student well-being, and one to assist the council with its legislative role.

■ University presidents would maintain control on oversight and strategic decisions through the board of directors, but the council would focus on operational and legislative issues. In addition, the five power conferences would be better able to address criticisms regarding athletes' well-being. Athletics and athletic directors also would get a louder voice in the process.

## Briefly

# McGary headed to NBA after positive marijuana test

By NOAH TRISTER  
The Associated Press

ANN ARBOR, Mich. — Michigan sophomore Mitch McGary is entering the NBA draft, saying he had little choice after testing positive for marijuana during the NCAA tournament.

"I am ready to move on to the next stage in my life and enter the NBA draft," the 6-foot-10 McGary said in a statement released by the school Friday. "Being a part of a program that values integrity, it is important to let everyone know of a poor decision I recently made. I tested positive for marijuana during the NCAA tournament. We were notified of that result after the Final Four. I regret thoroughly disappointing my family, coaches and administration."

McGary told Yahoo Sports he was facing a one-year suspension for the failed drug test.

McGary was terrific in the 2013 tournament as a freshman, helping Michigan reach the national title game, where the Wolverines lost to Louisville. He considered jumping to the NBA then, but instead came back for his sophomore year and was a preseason All-American.

But McGary played only eight games this season. He was bothered from the start by a back problem and eventually had surgery. He was shut down shortly after a Dec. 14 matchup with Arizona.

It was unclear how his future would be impacted by the injury. Was his draft stock still high enough for him to leave, or would he need to come back to Michigan in 2014-15? McGary is old for his class, turning 22 in June, but his injury made his decision a difficult one — until the flunked drug test.

"I feel I'm ready, but this pushed it overboard," McGary told Yahoo.

## Panthers exercise option on QB Newton

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — The Panthers have exercised the fifth-year option on quarterback Cam Newton's rookie deal, keeping him with the team through the end of the 2015 season.

The team made the announcement Friday, after indicating it hoped to sign Newton to a long-term deal.

By exercising the option on Newton's rookie deal, the Panthers will have more time to work out a longer contract.

Newton, the No. 1 overall pick in the 2011 NFL draft, is slated to make \$3.37 million this season and would receive \$14.67 million in 2015 if he doesn't sign a contract extension before then.

In other NFL news:  
■ The Buffalo Bills have

picked up the fifth-year option on the contract of defensive tackle Marcell Dareus.

General Doug Whaley made the announcement Friday during the team pre-draft luncheon. The Bills faced a deadline next week to determine whether to lock in the player through the 2015 season.

## Silver: Premature to say union will opt out of CBA

NEW YORK — NBA Commissioner Adam Silver says he has "no expectation" that players will opt out of the collective bargaining agreement in 2017, potentially leading to another lockout.

The 10-year deal that the league and players agreed to that ended the 2011 lockout gave either side the right to opt out after six years.

With the league projecting financial growth, there has been speculation that players will take that option in three years, especially since a new national TV contract will be in place by then.

But Silver tells a gathering of Associated Press Sports Editors on Thursday there have been no discussions about that and it's "premature" for either side to determine how well the deal has or hasn't worked, especially since the Players Association is still without an executive director.

In other NBA news:

■ Dallas Mavericks' All-Star Dirk Nowitzki and Indiana Pacers coach Frank Vogel have been honored by the Pro Basketball Writers Association for their success on the court and cooperation with fans and media.

Nowitzki was presented with the Magic Johnson Award, beating out five other finalists. Vogel was one of five finalists in his category for the award, named for former Houston Rockets coach Rudy Tomjanovich.

The awards were announced Friday by the PBWA.

## Nadal's struggles continue with loss

BARCELONA, Spain — Top-ranked Rafael Nadal's clay-court struggles worsened Friday as his 41-match winning streak at the Barcelona Open ended with a three-set loss to Nicolas Almagro in the quarterfinals.

Nadal was looking for his ninth title in Barcelona but lost 2-6, 7-6 (5), 6-4, a week after going out in the quarterfinals of the Monte Carlo Masters at the same stage.

Almagro converted his second match point, smashing a forehand down the line for his first career victory over his fellow Spaniard on the 11th try.

Nadal hadn't lost at the tournament since his debut as a 15-year-old in 2003.

## NFL



JOHN RAOUX/AP

**NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell answers questions during a news conference at the NFL football annual meeting in Orlando, Fla. Goodell told a gathering of Associated Press Sports Editors on Thursday that a vote is uncertain on the proposal to add two teams to the postseason.**

## Briefly

## Kosar believes he's off TV due to slurred speech

The Associated Press

CLEVELAND — Former Browns quarterback Bernie Kosar believes he has been unfairly sacked as a TV broadcaster.

Kosar has been removed as a color commentator for Cleveland's preseason games by the team. The Browns said Wednesday night he was being replaced by Solomon Wilcotts, who will work with play-by-play announcer Jim Donovan.

Kosar contends he was removed because of slurred speech he attributes to "a direct result of the many concussions I received while playing in the NFL."

"This is very unfortunate," he said in a statement, "as I believe my football acumen and ability to describe what is happening on the field, has been well received by Cleveland Browns fans."

WKYC-TV issued a statement disputing Kosar's assertions.

"Nowhere in our discussions with Bernie or the Browns has anything ever been said about his speech impairment due to concussions," said Brooke Spectorsky, the station's president and general manager. "That has simply nothing to do with our decision. The Browns are rebuilding their team, and in reviewing our programming we've decided to rebuild as well."

The 50-year-old Kosar estimates he has had more than a dozen documented concussions. He has been in pain for more



MARK DUNCAN/AP

**Former Cleveland Browns quarterback Bernie Kosar, left, speaks at a news conference with Dr. Rick Spangula, in Middleburg Heights, Ohio. Kosar believes he's been unfairly sacked as a TV broadcaster. Kosar contends he's been removed because of slurred speech he attributes to "a direct result of the many concussions I received while playing in the NFL."**

than a decade, but said last year he found some relief through treatments at a wellness facility in Florida.

In announcing their decision, the Browns said they were in discussions with Kosar about "potential new roles" on pregame telecasts and on the team's website.

"We want Browns fans to look forward to seeing and hearing his continued contributions and analysis," team president Alec Scheiner said.

## Report: Jacobs have had discussions about Bills

BUFFALO, N.Y. — The son of Boston Bruins owner Jeremy Jacobs Sr. has told The Buffalo News his family has had discussions involving the Buffalo Bills, but adds it's premature to say whether it will make an attempt to buy the team.

In a story posted on the newspaper's website Wednesday night, Jeremy Jacobs Jr. says his family is using its resources and contacts

to ensure the Bills stay in Buffalo. He says the family has been in contact with NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell.

The Jacobs are from Buffalo and own Delaware North food service company, which has its headquarters in the city.

■ Pack up the pom-poms in Buffalo, because the Bills will be playing without the support of their official cheerleaders this year.

Stephanie Mateczun, whose company manages the Buffalo Bills cheerleading squad, said Thursday she has suspended operations through at least the end of the season. The decision was made two days after five former Bills filed a lawsuit complaining they worked hundreds of hours for free, and were subjected to groping and sexual comments.

The civil action was filed in state Supreme Court and seeks unspecified back pay and legal fees. It names Mateczun's company, Stejon Productions Corp., the Bills, and the Bills' former manager, Citadel Communications Co., as defendants. Stejon took over managing the cheerleaders in 2011.

Mateczun is in the process of hiring legal representation, and declined further comment.

## Marcus Trufant retires as member of Seahawks

RENTON, Wash. — When it was clear Marcus Trufant's time with the Seattle Seahawks was over following the 2012 season, he was

was a side judge; both have college refereeing experience.

Two female officials will be working minicamps and preseason games: line judge Sarah Thomas and head linesman Maia Chaka. Both work in Conference USA. They are part of the league's officiating development program.

The NFL also hired the sons of two current officials: field judge Brad Freeman, the son of back judge Steve Freeman, a former player with Buffalo; and field judge Shawn Hochuli, son of referee Ed Hochuli.

Goodell and various other NFL executives were asked about the repercussions from the bullying incidents with the Miami Dolphins involving Jonathan Martin and Richie Incognito.

"You never want to see any story that reflects on what we don't have the right workplace environment," Goodell said. "We've redoubled our efforts to make sure we provide the right environment ... for everybody in the NFL."

given a message by general manager John Schneider and coach Pete Carroll on his way out.

If it became apparent that Trufant was ready to retire from the NFL, they wanted him to do it as a member of the Seahawks.

Trufant got that opportunity Thursday, officially retiring from football after signing a one-day contract with Seattle.

Trufant spent his entire NFL career with the Seahawks, with the exception of the 2013 training camp when he was with the Jacksonville Jaguars. Trufant was released at the end of August and remained out of football during the 2013 season.

## Cowboys add ex-Bears starting QB Hanie

IRVING, Texas — The Dallas Cowboys have added another quarterback with starting experience in Caleb Hanie.

The signing of Hanie on Thursday gives the Cowboys three quarterbacks behind Tony Romo. Kyle Orton was Romo's backup last year, and Dallas signed Brandon Weeden last month.

Hanie spent four seasons with Chicago after signing as an undrafted free agent in 2008. He started four games for the Bears, throwing for 679 yards with three touchdowns and 10 interceptions.

The former Dallas-area high school quarterback spent the 2012 season as Denver's third QB. Baltimore released Hanie at the end of training camp last year.

## Bigger playoffs to come?

NFL plans to look at expanded postseason, longer PATs

BY BARRY WILNER  
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — The NFL will discuss expanded playoffs at the owners' meetings next month in Atlanta.

Commissioner Roger Goodell told a gathering of Associated Press Sports Editors on Thursday that a vote is uncertain on the proposal to add two teams to the postseason. Should the owners vote on the increase in May, Goodell said the 14-team playoffs could be implemented for the upcoming season, or for 2015.

If no vote is taken, then 2015 would be the target for expanded playoffs, with a vote possible in October or next March.

The league also would need to consult with the players union on the matter, but it seems clear more playoff teams are on the way.

"We're being very deliberate about it," Goodell said. "We want to make sure we do it the right way."

The NFL also will experiment with snapping the ball from the

15-yard line on extra points in the first two weeks of the preseason to make them more challenging. A kick from that distance would

wind up being about 33 yards. Previously, the plan had been to experiment with moving kicks back to the 20.

But in conversations with the league's competition committee and various teams, officiating

**‘We’re being very deliberate about it. We want to make sure we do it the right way.’**  
Roger Goodell  
NFL commissioner

director Dean Blandino said it became apparent a 33-yard extra point was a wiser choice for the experiment.

Blandino added that veteran referees Scott Green and Ron Winter have retired, and will be replaced by Craig Wolstead and Ronald Torbert. Wolstead had been a field judge and Torbert



## NHL PLAYOFFS

## Roundup

Iginla's Overage  
Helps Bruins win

The Associated Press

DETROIT — The Boston Bruins took a couple punches, then hit back hard and put the Detroit Red Wings on the brink of elimination.

Jarome Iginla scored with 6:28 left in overtime on a redirected shot that went off an opponent, lifting the Bruins to a 3-2 victory over Detroit on Thursday night in Game 4 of their first-round series to finish off a comeback from a two-goal deficit.

"It was a bit ugly at times, but then we got our stuff together," Tuukka Ruuska said after stopping 35 shots.

The Presidents' Trophy winners and defending Eastern Conference champions can advance with a victory against Detroit on Saturday at home.

If the Red Wings extend the best-of-seven series by winning at Boston, they will host Game 6 on Monday night.

Early in Game 4, a return to Joe Louis Arena appeared likely.

Detroit took a 2-0 lead in the second period after Pavel Datsyuk and Niklas Kronwall each had a goal and an assist.

Torey Krug scored midway through the second period to pull the Bruins within a goal. Milan Lucic tied it at 2 early in the third period.

Detroit captain Henrik Zetterberg played for the first time since having back surgery two months ago. Zetterberg gave the crowd a jolt, leading to fired-up fans roaring when he was on the ice with his first shift, and seemed to also give his team a boost early in the game.

"It was fun to be back," he said. "It would be a lot more fun to have a 'W.'"

**Wild 2, Avalanche 1:** Charlie Coyle scored his third goal of the series for host Minnesota, and the Wild dominated Colorado for the second straight game on their way to a victory that evened the first-round matchup at two games apiece.



CARLOS OSORIO/AP

**Bruins right wing Jarome Iginla, center, is mobbed by teammates as they celebrate their 3-2 overtime victory in Game 4 of a first-round playoff series against the Red Wings in Detroit on Thursday. Iginla was credited with the winning goal.**

The Wild outshot the Avalanche a stunning 32-12, establishing a franchise record for fewest allowed by Minnesota. Colorado has been outshot 78-34 in the last two games, with Ryan O'Reilly getting the only goal.

Jared Spurgeon used a slap shot to get a puck past Colorado's Semyon Varlamov just 3:47 into

the game, much quicker than the 65:08 the Wild needed to score the last time. Game 5 will be in Denver on Saturday night.

**Kings 6, Sharks 3:** Justin Williams and Marian Gaborik scored two goals apiece, and Los Angeles emphatically avoided first-round playoff elimination with an emphatic victory over San Jose in

Game 4.

Capustin Dustin Brown had a goal and an assist, and Tyler Toffoli scored on his 22nd birthday during a three-goal second period as the Kings dodged a series sweep with a one-sided victory that could plant a seed of doubt in their dominant California rivals' minds.

## Scoreboard

First round (Best-of-seven) (x-if necessary)	Thursday Kings 6, Sharks 3
<b>EASTERN CONFERENCE</b>	
<b>Boston 3, Detroit 1</b>	San Jose 1 1 1-3
Detroit 1, Boston 0	Los Angeles 1 3 2-6
Boston 4, Detroit 1	First Period—1, Los Angeles, Gaborik
Boston 3, Detroit 0	2 (D. Brown, Vornov), 40:8, 2, San Jose, Sheppard 1 (Hannan, Herli), 19:52.
Boston 3, Detroit 2, OT	<b>Second Period</b> —Los Angeles, Williams 1 (Richards, Muzzin), 3:52 (pp), 4, San Jose, Nieto 2 (Marleau), 8:25, 5, Los Angeles, Williams 2 (Mitchell, Stoll), 16:07, 6, Los Angeles, Toffoli 1 (Martinez, Carter), 19:01.
<b>Saturday</b> at Boston	<b>Third Period</b> —7, Los Angeles, Gaborik 3 (Kopitar), 34, 8, San Jose, Pavelski 2 (Marleau, Boyle), 11:36 (pp), 9, Los Angeles, Brown 1 (Toffoli), 18:52.
<b>x-Monday</b> at Detroit	<b>Shots on Goal</b> —San Jose 17-11-31—39.
<b>x-Wednesday</b> Detroit at Boston	Wild 12-13-6—31.
<b>Montreal 4, Tampa Bay 0</b>	<b>Power-play opportunities</b> —San Jose 1 of 4; Los Angeles 1 of 5.
Montreal 4, Tampa Bay 1	<b>Goals</b> —San Jose, Niemi 3-1-0 (26 shots-21 saves), Stalock (9:34 third, 4-4).
Montreal 3, Tampa Bay 2	Los Angeles, Lucic 1-3-0 (29-36).
Montreal 4, Tampa Bay 3	A—18,376 (18,118), T—2:48.
<b>Pittsburgh 2, Columbus 2</b>	
Pittsburgh 4, Columbus 3	<b>Wild 2, Avalanche 1</b>
Columbus 4, Pittsburgh 3, 2OT	Colorado 0 1 0-1
Pittsburgh 4, Columbus 1	Minnesota 1 1 1 0-2
Columbus 4, Pittsburgh 3, OT	First Period—1, Minnesota, Spurgeon
<b>Monday</b> at Columbus	1 (Gariso, Granlund), 3:47.
<b>x-Wednesday</b> at Pittsburgh	<b>Second Period</b> —2, Minnesota, Coyle 3 (Pavelski), 12:55 (pp), 3, Colorado, O'Reilly 2 (McGinn), 13:25.
<b>N.Y. Rangers 2, Philadelphia 1</b>	<b>Shots on Goal</b> —Colorado 14-11-32.
N.Y. Rangers 4, Philadelphia 1	<b>Power-play opportunities</b> —Colorado 0 of 4; Minnesota 1 of 1.
Philadelphia 1, N.Y. Rangers 2	<b>Goals</b> —Colorado, Varlamov 2-0-2 (32 shots-30 saves), Minnesota, Kuemper 2-0-0 (12-11).
<b>Friday</b> at Philadelphia	A—19,396 (17,954), T—2:33.
<b>x-Wednesday</b> at N.Y. Rangers	
<b>WESTERN CONFERENCE</b>	
<b>Colorado 2, Minnesota 4, OT</b>	<b>Bruins 3, Red Wings 2 (OT)</b>
Colorado 4, Minnesota 2	Boston 0 1 1 1-3
Minnesota 1, Colorado 0, OT	Detroit 1 1 1 0-2
<b>OT Thursday</b> Minnesota 2, Colorado 1	First Period—1, Detroit, Kronwall 1 (Datsyuk), 11:00 (pp).
<b>OT Sunday</b> at Colorado	<b>Second Period</b> —2, Detroit, Datsyuk 2 (Kronwall, Abdelkader), 4:27, 3, Boston, Krug 1 (Bergeron), 8:20 (pp).
<b>Monday</b> at Minnesota	<b>Third Period</b> —4, Boston, Lucic 2 (Soderberg, Hamilton), 11:15.
<b>x-Wednesday</b> at Colorado	<b>Overtime</b> —5, Boston, Iginla 1 (Hamilton, Krejci), 13:32.
<b>St. Louis 2, Chicago 2</b>	<b>Shots on Goal</b> —Boston 5-12-12-40.
St. Louis 4, Chicago 3, 3OT	Detroit 15-7-12-37.
St. Louis 4, Chicago 3, OT	<b>Power-play opportunities</b> —Boston 1 of 2; Detroit 4 of 4.
<b>Friday</b> Chicago at St. Louis	<b>Goals</b> —Boston, Rask 3-1-0 (37 shots-35 saves), Detroit, Gustavsson 0-1-0 (40-37).
<b>Saturday</b> at Chicago	A—20,066 (20,066), T—3:00.
<b>x-April 28</b> at St. Louis	
<b>Anaheim 2, Dallas 2</b>	
Anaheim 3, Dallas 2	
Anaheim 0, Dallas 0	
<b>Friday</b> at Anaheim	
<b>x-Wednesday</b> at Dallas	
<b>San Jose 3, Los Angeles 1</b>	
San Jose 5, Los Angeles 3	
San Jose 7, Los Angeles 2	
San Jose 4, Los Angeles 3, OT	
<b>Thursday</b> Los Angeles 6, San Jose 3	
<b>Saturday</b> at San Jose	
<b>x-Monday</b> at Los Angeles	
<b>x-Wednesday</b> at San Jose	

## Briefly

## Wild's Cooke apologizes for hit

The Associated Press

ST. PAUL, Minn. — Minnesota Wild left wing Matt Cooke apologized Thursday for the knee-to-knee hit on Tyson Barrie that sidelined the Colorado Avalanche defenseman for at least a month, saying he did not intend to injure him.

Cooke drew a seven-game suspension Wednesday from the NHL, removing him from the remainder of this first-round series and more. Cooke addressed reporters after taking part in the Wild's pre-game skate prior to Game 4, reiterating his past insistence that he is not a reckless player.

Starting somberly straight ahead and speaking deliberately for about 90 seconds, Cooke again referenced his recent drop in penalty minutes as evidence he's committed to playing a clean game.

"First and foremost, I want to say that I'm disappointed and sorry that Tyson Barrie can't play for the Colorado Avalanche tonight. I wish that he could," Cooke said. "Unfortunately, it was not my intent to collide with him knee on knee. I think it was my intent to finish my check. Playoffs are a hard, physical time, and it's my job to be physical. I led my team in all his three games, and it's an intense time. I've led my team's year in hits and in this series."

This is Cooke's sixth career suspension for various safety viola-



JACK DEMPSEY/AP

**Minnesota left wing Matt Cooke apologized Thursday for the knee-to-knee hit that sidelined Colorado's Tyson Barrie.**

tions, bringing his total of games banned to 34, including playoffs.

## Kopitar, Bergeron, Toews finalists for Selke award

NEW YORK — Anze Kopitar, Patrice Bergeron and Jonathan Toews are finalists for the NHL's Selke Trophy, awarded to the best defensive forward, the league announced Thursday.

Finalists were voted on by members of the Professional Hockey Writers' Association. Kopitar appeared in all 82 Los Angeles Kings games and had the second-most ice time among forwards behind Pittsburgh's Sidney Crosby. The Kings allowed a

league-low average of 2.05 goals per game.

Boston's Bergeron led the NHL in face-off wins with 1,015 — the most by any player in the past seven seasons.

Chicago's Toews, who won the award last year, placed fifth in the NHL in face-off wins with 884.

The winner will be honored June 24 at the NHL Awards in Las Vegas.

## Sochi produces record 8th doping case

LONDON — Two months after the closing ceremony, the Sochi Olympics broke a Winter Games record Friday when a Latvian hockey player became the eighth athlete disqualified for a positive doping test.

Ralfs Freibergs was retroactively kicked out of the games by the IOC after being found guilty of a steroid offense, the third hockey player and second from Latvia caught for doping in Sochi.

The International Olympic Committee said the 22-year-old defenseman tested positive for a testosterone-related substance in a sample provided after Latvia's 2-1 loss to Canada in the quarterfinals on Feb. 19.

Freiberg's expulsion represents the eighth doping case overall from Sochi, surpassing the previous record of seven recorded at the 2002 Salt Lake City Olympics.

## NBA PLAYOFFS



JOHN BAZEMORE/AP

Pacers forward Luis Scola, left, fights Hawks forward Paul Millsap for a loose ball during Game 3 of their first-round playoff series on Thursday in Atlanta.

## Roundup

## Clippers steal back home court

The Associated Press

OAKLAND, Calif. — Chris Paul pounded his chest and shouted toward the Golden State Warriors' bench. Blake Griffin and DeAndre Jordan high-fived, and the Los Angeles Clippers soaked in the silence of the once-roaring, gold-shirt wearing crowd as they walked off the court together.

The sound of stealing back home-court advantage was the sweetest thing of all.

Griffin scored 32 points and grabbed eight rebounds, Jordan had 14 points and 22 rebounds, and the Clippers outlasted the Warriors 98-96 Thursday to take a 2-1 lead in their first-round series.

"Winning ugly is beautiful," Clippers coach Doc Rivers said. "But as a coach I know we can be better, and I have to bring that out of us."

After a 40-point victory in Game 2, Los Angeles had to sweat out a victory until the final buzzer this time.

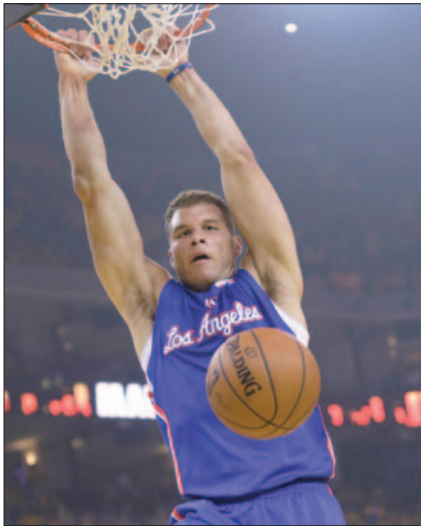
The Griffin-Jordan frontcourt tandem bullied and bruised the Warriors inside to power the Clippers ahead by 18 points in the third quarter. And they did just enough late to quiet Stephen Curry and Klay Thompson — along with the announced sellout crowd of 19,596 that wanted to will the Warriors back.

Game 4 of the best-of-seven series is Sunday in Oakland.

"When we needed it, we got stops," Griffin said. "And that's why we were successful."

Thompson scored 26 points, and Curry had 16 points and 15 assists to rally the Warriors back. But Curry forced a contested, step-back three-pointer over Paul in the final seconds to seal the Clippers' victory, though the Warriors wanted a foul on Paul, who appeared to make contact with Curry's hip on the way down.

"I thought I initiated enough contact," Curry said. "That's my go-to move, the step-back. I'm not going to air-ball that."



MARCIO JOSE SANCHEZ/AP

The Clippers' Blake Griffin dunks against the Golden State Warriors during Thursday's Game 3 of their opening-round playoff series.

**Grizzlies 98, Thunder 95 (OT):** Memphis knows it has to stop blowing fourth-quarter leads. Consecutive overtime wins makes the needed corrections much easier.

Mike Conley scored five of his 20 points in overtime, and the Grizzlies beat visiting Oklahoma City on Thursday to take a 2-1 lead in their first-round Western Conference series.

The Grizzlies overtook game time after leading by 17 before going cold for most of the final 7:43 of regulation. Courtney Lee

clinched the victory, hitting three of four free throws in the final 10 seconds of OT.

NBA scoring champ Kevin Durant and Russell Westbrook each scored 30 for the Thunder, who even got another four-point play in the final minute to force overtime. This time, it was Westbrook's turn with 26.6 seconds left.

But Durant missed all eight three-point attempts and was 10-for-27. Westbrook was 9-for-26, although he grabbed 13 rebounds. The Thunder hit only three of 12 overall in overtime.

Atlanta's reeling  
Indiana on the ropes

By PAUL NEWBERRY

The Associated Press

ATLANTA — The Indiana Pacers are questioning their toughness and dealing with speculation about a lineup change.

Hardly what's expected from a No. 1 seed.

On the ropes again at the hands of the eighth-seeded Atlanta Hawks, the Pacers must figure out a way to recapture the form that carried them to the best record in the Eastern Conference.

Better do it quickly.

Led by Jeff Teague and Kyle Korver and taking advantage of a missed call, the

Hawks reclaimed the upper hand in the series with a 98-85 victory Thursday night.

Paul George was held to 12 points on 3-for-11 shooting, George Hill made one of 11 from the field, and 7-foot-2 Roy Hibbert continually missed shots close to the hoop.

Hibbert has scored only 18 points in the first three games on 7-for-25 shooting. Coach Frank Vogel was asked if he planned to make a change, especially given the Pacers had more success with their big man on the bench.

"We're going to look at everything," Vogel said. "He has not played well in the series to this point. But we still have confidence in Roy Hibbert."

## Scoreboard

## First round

(Best-of-seven)

## Eastern Conference

## Atlanta 2, Indiana 1

Atlanta 101, Indiana 93

Indiana 101, Atlanta 85

Thursday: Atlanta 98, Indiana 85

Saturday at Atlanta

Monday: at Indiana

x-Thursday, May 1: at Atlanta

x-Saturday, May 3: at Indiana

Miami 2, Charlotte 0

Miami 101, Charlotte 97

Saturday: at Charlotte

x-Wednesday, April 30: at Miami

x-Friday, May 2: at Charlotte

x-Sunday, May 4: at Miami

Brooklyn 1, Toronto 1

Brooklyn 94, Toronto 87

Toronto 100, Brooklyn 95

Friday: at Brooklyn

Sunday: at Brooklyn

Wednesday, April 30: at Toronto

x-Friday, May 2: at Toronto

x-Sunday, May 4: at Toronto

Washington 2, Chicago 0

Washington 102, Chicago 93

Washington 101, Chicago 99, OT

Friday: at Washington

Sunday: at Washington

x-Tuesday, April 29: at Chicago

x-Wednesday, May 1: at Washington

x-Saturday, May 3: at Chicago

## Western Conference

San Antonio 1, Dallas 1

San Antonio 90, Dallas 85

Wednesday: Dallas 113, San Antonio 92

Saturday: at Dallas

Sunday: at Dallas

x-Wednesday, April 30: at San Antonio

x-Friday, May 2: at Dallas

x-Sunday, May 4: at San Antonio

Memphis 2, Oklahoma City 1

Oklahoma City 100, Memphis 86

Monday: Memphis 98, Oklahoma City 95, OT

Tuesday: at Oklahoma City

x-Thursday, May 1: at Memphis

x-Saturday, May 3: at Oklahoma City

L.A. Clippers 2, Golden State 1

Golden State 109, L.A. Clippers 105

L.A. Clippers 138, Golden State 98

Thursday: L.A. Clippers 98, Golden State 96

Saturday: at Golden State

Tuesday: at L.A. Clippers

x-Thursday, May 1: at Golden State

x-Saturday, May 3: at L.A. Clippers

Portland 2, Houston 0

Portland 122, Houston 120, OT

Friday: at Portland

Sunday: at Portland

x-Wednesday, April 30: at Houston

x-Friday, May 2: at Portland

x-Sunday, May 4: at Houston

## Calendar

May 20 — Draft lottery

May 21 — Finals begin

June 16 — Draft early entry withdrawal deadline.

June 26 — NBA Draft.

## Thursday

## Clippers 98, Warriors 96

L.A. Clippers 98, Golden State 96  
Griffin 15-25-2-9-32, Jordan 8-8-4-14, Paul 5-13-4-15, Redick 8-11-1-14, Ja Crawford 5-11-0-13, Davis 2-8-4-0, Collison 3-7-3-0, Granger 0-1-0-0, Turkoglu 0-2-0-0, Totals 40-86-10-23-88

GOLDEN STATE — Igouda 4-9-3-7-11, Lee 15-15-0-0, O'Neal 3-4-4-10, Curry 5-12-3-4-16, Thompson 10-22-4-16, D.Green 5-11-2-3-13, H.Barnes 2-8-0-4, Blake 0-1-0-0, Ja Crawford 14-0-0-2, Spencer 5-6-2-0-2-2, Armstrong 0-0-0-0. Totals 37-89-16-24-96

L.A. Clippers 24 22 21 23-96  
Golden State 21 22 21 32-96

Three-Point Goals—L.A. Clippers: 8-28 (Ja Crawford 3-6, Redick 3-6, Paul 2-6, Griffin 1-1, Griffin 1-1, Turkoglu 0-2, Collison 0-2, M.Barnes 0-3). Golden State: 6 (Curry 3-6, Thompson 2-11, D.Green 1-5, Igouda 0-1, Blake 0-1, Crawford 0-1, H.Barnes 0-4). Fouled Out—D.Green, Rebounds—L.A. Clippers 59 (Jordan 22), Golden State 40 (D.Green 11). Assists—L.A. Clippers 25 (Paul 10), Golden State 26 (Curry 15). Total Fouls—L.A. Clippers 20, Golden State 18. Technicals—Paul, L.A. Clippers defensive three second, Golden State defensive three second. Flagrant Fouls—M.Barnes. D.Green. A—19,296 (19,996).

## Grizzlies 98, Thunder 95 (OT)

OKLAHOMA CITY — Durant 10-27-10-13, Ibaka 6-10-0-12, Perkins 3-1-2-2, Westbrook 9-26-8-12-30, Selfolsha 2-1-3-7, Collison 1-1-0-2, Jackson 2-9-0-4, Butler 0-1-0-0, J. Jones 0-0-0-0, Totals 34-87-22-90-95

MEMPHIS — Prince 5-0-0-4, Randolph 5-0-0-6, Gasol 7-14-0-14, Conley 8-14-2-2, Allen 0-3-0-16, Miller 0-3-0-3, Udrih 5-12-1-2, Davis 0-0-0-0. Totals 41-92-12-15-96

Oklahoma City 18 18 25 24 10-95  
Memphis 24 20 21 14 13-98

Three-Point Goals—Oklahoma City: 5-28 (Westbrook 4-13, Fisher 1-1, Selfolsha 0-1, Jackson 0-2, Butler 0-3, Durant 0-8). Memphis: 4-16 (Conley 2-5, Udrih 1-2, Lee 1-2, Randolph 0-1, Prince 0-1, Miller 0-2, Allen 0-3). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Oklahoma City 28 (Westbrook 13), Memphis 36 (Randolph 10). Assists—Oklahoma City 13 (Durant, Jackson 3), Memphis 21 (Randolph 5). Total Fouls—Oklahoma City 23, Memphis 21. A—18,119 (18,119).

## Hawks 98, Pacers 85

INDIANA — George 3-11 5-6-12, West 2-11-2-4, Hibbert 1-0-0-4, Gill 1-1-2-4, Stephenson 8-16-3-21, Watson 2-6-1-6, Mahimi 1-3-0-0-2, Scoll 1-1-3-4-7, Turner 1-4-0-3, Copeland 0-1-0-0. Totals 32-85-16-21-85

ATLANTA — Carroll 6-8-4-18, Millsap 3-11-7-8-14, Antic 0-5-1-2, Teague 7-20-6-9, Johnson 6-9-5-12, H.Barnes 1-1-1-1, Brand 1-4-2-4, Scoll 0-0-0-0, Schröder 0-0-0-0. Totals 28-73-30-16-85

Atlanta 24 14 20 27-85  
Indiana 26 20 21 18-85

Three-Point Goals—Indiana: 5-20 (Stephenson 2-6, Turner 1-2, Watson 1-3, George 1-4, Scoll 0-1, Copeland 0-1, G.Hill 0-3). Atlanta 12-34 (Korver 4-7, Williams 2-3, Carroll 3-6, Udrih 1-4, Millsap 1-4, Scott 0-2, Antic 0-4). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Indiana 36 (George 14), Atlanta 24 (O'Neal 10). Assists—Indiana 21 (West 5), Atlanta 21 (Teague 10). Total Fouls—Indiana 19, Atlanta 19. Technicals—Scoll, Scott. A—18,124 (18,729).

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MLB

# STICKY SITUATION

Pineda not the only pitcher  
in majors to try pine tar

By HOWARD FENDRICH  
*The Associated Press*

**N**ew York Yankees pitcher Michael Pineda is hardly the first major leaguer to head to the mound hoping to get away with using pine tar to aid his grip.

And he won't be the last, those in baseball say, because it's simply part of the game.

He just got caught.

"It's not like somebody sits you down and says, 'Hey, dude, you should try this.' You see things," Washington Nationals relief pitcher Drew Storen said. "And being around the game, you know things that can be done."

What stood out for many around the sport was how glaringly obvious the splotch of brown goo was on the side of Pineda's neck. It got him ejected from a game against the Boston Red Sox and drew a 10-game suspension Thursday.

"That was pretty blatant," Storen said. "Wasn't really subtle."

Hours before Washington hosted San Diego on Thursday night, a highlight package from Wednesday's major league games was shown on the videoboard at Nationals Park, and a lengthy segment poked fun at Pineda's easy-to-spot pine tar.

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New York Yankees starting pitcher Michael Pineda walks off the mound after being ejected when a foreign substance was discovered on his neck in the second inning against the Red Sox on Wednesday night at Fenway Park in Boston.

ELISE AMENDOLA/AP

This glaring, gleaming patch of pine tar earned Michael Pineda a 10-game suspension and brought to light one of baseball's unwritten rules.

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